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MEMORANDUM

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November 18, 1992

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
TO: Rabbi Eric Polokoff
COPY: Lawrence Sherman, Gerard Daniel, Glenn Stein
Rabbi Eric Yoffie, Rabbi David Saperstein
Rabbi Lynne Landsberg, Evelyn Schlensky

I have your memo of November 17th concerning the use of Glenn's interest in staffing of Corps of Service on a non-compensated basis.

I would be delighted to have him undertake this project. I always regretted that it did not really get off the ground and given the kind of enthusiasm which Glenn brings to his work - further bolstered by his association with the American Jewish World Service, there is no reason why he cannot translate this particular dream into reality.



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MEMORANDUM

From RABBI ERIC POLOKOFF *EP* Date NOV. 17, 1992
To RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER, RABBI DANIEL B. SYME
Copies LAWRENCE SHERMAN, GERARD DANIEL, GLENN STEIN, RABBI ERIC YOFFIE,
Subject RABBI DAVID SAPERSTEIN, RABBI LYNNE LANDSBERG, EVELY SCHLENSKY
CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE

As you know, Glenn Stein has expressed an interest in serving, on a non-compensated staff basis, as our staff member responsible for the Corps of Service. Glenn's specific interest is to pursue the project from a social justice perspective -- to identify projects in the Third World (and perhaps domestically) needing volunteers, and then make those opportunities known to our congregations. As such its purpose would not be to serve Jewish communities, unless they sought assistance in social justice organizing. Naturally, over the long term the UAHC would be free to build on any relationship created through this endeavor with Jewish communities from abroad.

Since Glenn will be working in a professional capacity on a similar project for the American Jewish World Service, it is anticipated that we will benefit from their experience and resources, as they will from our significant potential for volunteers. We do not, at this point, suggest any formal relationship between the two groups, other than a mutually cooperative one.

For our part, the Corps of Service would continue to function as an exclusively UAHC program, with decisions made jointly by its staff, chairs, and UAHC leadership. We would not be responsible for any financial costs save the specific costs for projects, such as mailings or ads, that would have to be approved through normal channels.

Glenn suggested that oversight of this project be placed under the umbrella of the Commission on Social Action. Evely Schlensky has said that there are provisions in the organization of the Commission to provide a seat for the chair of a related committee (i.e. the UAHC Soviet Jewry Committee headed by Betty Golomb). Therefore, even if formal oversight was not transferred, the chair of the Corps of Service would be welcomed on to the Commission.

Glenn and I met with Larry Sherman and Jerry Daniels during the last Executive Committee meetings to discuss this proposal. Both Larry and Jerry were supportive of the idea, especially since we anticipate very little activity otherwise. They were hesitant, however, to shift oversight to the Commission on Social Action at

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this point, even if they would serve as the chairs under the Commission structure. They did not rule out the possibility of making the move in the future. So too, they were unaware of the possibility of Larry sitting on the Commission without shifting oversight.

Both Larry and Jerry requested that I share this information with you to ask for your input. If you have no objection, Larry, Jerry, Glenn and I recommend that we proceed along the lines outlined above.

REP/hh



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RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER
PRESIDENT

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June 9, 1992
8 Sivan 5752

Bella Borstein
Coordinator
WUJS Project Areivim
P.O. Box 7914
Jerusalem, Israel 91077

Dear Ms Borstein:

Inasmuch as Rabbi Schindler is currently travelling and not expected back at his desk for some time, I am responding to your letter of May 25.

I am sharing your letter with Rabbi Eric Polokoff of our staff as he is the coordinator for our own Jewish Corps of Service. Perhaps through his good offices, we will be able to work out some arrangement with Project Areivim in regard to pilot projects here in the U.S. You will be hearing from Rabbi Polokoff directly.

With kindest greetings and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

cc: RABBI ERIC POLOKOFF

MEMORANDUM

File

From Eric Polokoff
To Mr. Gerard Daniel

Date 4/24/90

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Subject Corps of Service to the Jewish People

I enjoyed the opportunity to speak with you this morning and have enclosed the following material for your review:

- o April 1990 Draft of Chairman's Report;
- o List of International Openings;
- o List of Potential Volunteers;
- o August 1989 Chairman's Report; and
- o Letter sent to all WUPJ Congregations.

The letter to WUPJ congregational rabbis and presidents was our last direct effort to recruit host communities.

With regard to contact people, as you know, Rabbi Kulwin is our liaison to World Union congregations outside of Israel. For positions in Israel we have worked with the national shlichim and ARZA office in New York, as well as directly with representatives from Kibbutz Yahel.

If you have any questions about the enclosed material, or if I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me on Friday at my student pulpit in New Hampshire (603-534-7044).

Please accept my best wishes for a n'siah tovah. I look forward to meeting you in May.



CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE
DRAFT SUMMARY FOR THE CHAIRMAN'S PRESENTATION TO THE UAHC BOARD
APRIL 1990

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

Our major emphasis over the last several months has been to organize a domestic pilot program in synagogue development. This weekend, our first domestic volunteers, Robert and Sylvia Dreyfus of Temple Israel of Greenville, SC, left for their assignment as volunteers in Synagogue Development in seven small communities in Montana and Washington -- Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Kalispell and Missoula, Montana and Everett, Washington.

We have also continued to seek individuals and host communities for volunteer work abroad, and are in the final stages of placing an Educator/Youth Worker in Guatamala City.

Our experiences over the past year have taught us that our movement has large numbers of eager, qualified volunteers. Our challenge is to expand the number of positions available so we can place our applicants and more fully serve Jewish communities overseas. We are therefore most pleased that Mr. Gerard Daniel has agreed to join our program as our Corps of Service Chairman for International Development.

DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES

We are pleased to report that this weekend, our first domestic volunteers, Robert and Sylvia Dreyfus of Temple Israel of Greenville, SC, left for their assignment as volunteers in Synagogue Development in seven small communities in Montana and Washington -- Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Kalispell and Missoula, Montana and Everett, Washington.

Bob is a regional and national board member, as well as a member of the national Dues Policy Review and Small Congregations committees.

The Dreyfuses trip comes after several months of planning in conjunction with Rabbi Norman Kahan of the Small Congregations Department and the host communities.

Originally, we identified four small congregations in the Northwest -- Bozeman, Great Falls, Missoula and Kalispell, Montana -- that were seeking assistance in synagogue development. We then matched an available volunteer with considerable background in synagogue development and UAHC operations. As the project gained momentum, three other communities -- Billings and Butte, Montana and Everett, Washington -- also sought their help.

We have charged our first volunteer with the tasks of (1) developing strategies and programs for internal congregational development and synagogue administration; and (2) presenting the host community with an overview of the UAHC. The host communities will provide the Dreyfuses with home hospitality.

We believe we possess the ability to duplicate this process in other regions and areas of expertise.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

CURRENT OPENINGS

EDUCATOR/YOUTH WORKER IN GUATEMALA

The Jewish community of Guatemala City seeks to host a North American volunteer to perform youth work and teaching (kindergarten, supplementary school and in the youth movement) for a period of one year. As this position entails working with young children, a thorough knowledge of Spanish is required. In addition, the volunteer should be a college graduate.

COST ACCOUNTANT IN ISRAEL

Kibbutz Yahel, a Reform Movement settlement in Israel's Negev Desert, seeks a specialist in Cost Accounting in order to improve its management analysis of costs. The ideal candidate will have both a basic knowledge of Hebrew and extensive experience with cost accounting tools. Responsibilities for this position include working with branch managers to more efficiently analyze management information needs of the fields, groves and dairy agribranch managers as well as of service branch managers, and -- in conjunction with the kibbutz's treasurer and economics manager -- to analyze the economic activities of the kibbutz in regular economic terms. The volunteer would build on the work done last summer by Corps of Service volunteer Fred Zimmerman.

PROGRAMMING SPECIALIST IN SWITZERLAND

The Jewish Community Center of Geneva, Switzerland seeks a Jewishly literate, French-speaking specialist in Jewish studies and informal education. The individual must commit to a minimum term of service of one year, during which time he or she will conduct educational programs for both youth and adults, including seminars, camp weekends, and teaching of Jewish subjects in more traditional settings. The new

volunteer will take over for our current volunteer, Elsie Stern.

SYSTEMS OPERATOR IN ITALY

In conjunction with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Corps seeks a Computer Systems Operator/Manager MICRO VAX II for their office in Rome, Italy. Suitable candidates for this volunteer position will possess a degree or certificate in computer science or data processing, or equivalent experience. The ideal candidate will have two years of experience in programming, preferably on mini-computers. James Rothman, our Corps of Service volunteer, worked for over year at the JDC's nerve-center in Italy.

APPLICANT POOL

Statistics:

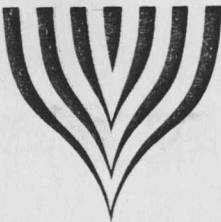
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INDIVIDUAL WOMAN	30	AGES 40-60	26
COUPLES	9 (18)	AGES 60+	22
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TOTAL	81	TOTAL	81

A random sampling of Corps applicants:

<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PROFESSION; SKILLS</u>
M	60s	School Superintendent
F	20s	Library Science, Jewish Education (Hebrew)
M	Retired	Chemical Engineer, Management specialist
F	40s	Health care management
M	20s	Jewish Education; Youth Work (Hebrew)

THE SEARCH FOR HOST COMMUNITIES

The past year has taught us that we have the capacity to find qualified individuals for Corps programs. Our challenge is to expand the number of positions available so we can place our applicants and more fully serve Jewish communities overseas. We are thus most pleased that Mr. Gerard Daniel will assist us in this endeavor. Mr. Daniel has agreed to join our program as our Corps of Service Chairman for International Development.



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THE CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE SEEKS INDIVIDUALS FOR INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENT

The Corps of Service to the Jewish People, co-sponsored by the UAHC, the World Union for Progressive Judaism and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, facilitates the use of North American Jewry's professional, technical, educational and organizational skills. The Corps, open to all adult Jews, is proud to announce the following international openings:

COST ACCOUNTANT IN ISRAEL

Kibbutz Yahel, a Reform Movement settlement in Israel's Negev Desert, seeks a specialist in Cost Accounting in order to improve its management analysis of costs. The ideal candidate will have both a basic knowledge of Hebrew and extensive experience with cost accounting tools. Responsibilities for this position include working with branch managers to more efficiently analyze management information needs of the fields, groves and dairy agribranch managers as well as of service branch managers, and -- in conjunction with the kibbutz's treasurer and economics manager -- to analyze the economic activities of the kibbutz in regular economic terms. The volunteer must make a minimum time commitment of two to three months. The kibbutz will provide housing, meals, and a stipend to the volunteer equivalent to that of other kibbutz members.

EDUCATOR/YOUTH WORKER IN GUATEMALA

The Jewish community of Guatemala City seeks to host a North American volunteer to perform youth work and teaching (kindergarten, supplementary school and in the youth movement) for a period of one year. As this position entails working with young children, a thorough knowledge of Spanish is required. In addition, the volunteer should be a college graduate. The volunteer will be reimbursed for all of his/her traveling expenses and will receive home hospitality during her/her period of service in Guatemala.

PROGRAMMING SPECIALIST IN SWITZERLAND

The Jewish Community Center of Geneva, Switzerland seeks a Jewishly literate, French-speaking specialist in Jewish studies and informal education. The individual must commit to a minimum term of service of one year, during which time he or she will conduct educational programs for both youth and adults, including seminars, camp weekends, and teaching of Jewish subjects in more traditional settings. All travel and living expenses will be covered by the community.

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In conjunction with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Corps seeks a Computer Systems Operator/Manager MICRO VAX II for their office in Rome, Italy. Suitable candidates for this volunteer position will possess a degree or certificate in computer science or data processing, or equivalent experience. The ideal candidate will have two years of experience in programming, preferably on mini-computers. In addition, the candidate should have experience working with VAX computers, a knowledge of VMS, and an understanding of operating systems. Previous work in 4th generation languages, data bases and ORACLE would also be helpful. Responsibilities for this position include programming; the installation and maintenance of system software and laver products and third party software; maintenance of hardware and supplies; writing of routines in DCL to maintain daily operations; support for the software's users and security for the system and data. All travel and living expenses will be covered. In addition, a modest stipend will be provided.

Resumes and autobiographical addenda detailing the candidates' backgrounds in Jewish studies for the above positions should be sent to:

CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE
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838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Attention: Eric Polokoff

The Corps of Service is chaired by Mr. Lawrence A. Sherman of Chicago, a member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Board of Trustees.

CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE

LIST OF PROSPECTIVE VOLUNTEERS

CURRENT AS OF: April, 1990

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PROFESSION; SKILLS</u>
Mark Bernheim	M	30s- 40s	Professor of English; Specialist in Jewish literature Languages: Italian, French, German & Esperanto
Judith Blair	F	Retired	Teacher (K-12); Specialist in English as a Second Language
(Husband)	M	Retired	Language: Spanish, some Hebrew Oral Surgeon; Instructor of Dentistry
Herschel Goodman	M	Retired	Businessman
Max Bayar	M	Retired	Food Technologist; Attorney; Consultant
Steven Purcell	M	50s- 60s	International Business; Consulting; Engineering; Finance & Economics
Jerome Klein	M	30s- 40s	Public Relations; Communications; Jewish Communal Service
Judith Shapiro	M	34	Teacher for the Hearing Impaired; Reading Specialist
Paul Biderman	M	41	Attorney: emphasis on consumer & environmental energy law
Ellen Biderman	F	40	Museum Curator; Preschool Teacher
Lois Evans	M	40s	Public Relations
Gerald Kaplan	M	46	Rabbinic skills
Deborah Josephson	F	20s	Researcher in Molecular Biology & Genetic Engineering
Kitty Ruderman	F	30s- 40s	Executive Secretary Language: German
Ben Behar	M	50s- 60s	Building Consulting; On-site inspections

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PROFESSION; SKILLS</u>
Tobie Aronson	F	20s	Sales; Education; Counseling
Herman Rochwarg	M	50s	Developing Behavioral Management Strategies Languages: some German & Spanish
Manuel Silver	M	60s	Management of Jewish organizations; Jewish Education Languages: Hebrew, Arabic
Charles Friedgood**	M	70	Thoracic and Cardiovascular surgery; Professor of Surgery
Benjamin Gaffin	M	69	Industrial Management: Manufacturing
Deborah Blatt*	F	20s	Social Activism; Education
Judith Picus	F	59	Library Sciences; Jewish Education
Charles Picus	M	59	Internal Medicine
Lee Gornstein	F	67	Education: English as Second Language; Hebrew Languages: Hebrew, Yiddish, some French, Spanish & German
Peter Grumbacher	M	41	Rabbinic skills
Elisa Enison	F	20s	Computer Science: Systems Manager and Programmer Language: Hebrew
Gerald Rubin	M		Associate Professor of Psychology Language: some Hebrew
Samuel Samitz	M	85	Jewish Education
Marjorie Epstein	F	20s-30s	Jewish Communal Service: Social Work; Public Affairs; Educational Program Development
Gordon Bronitsky	M	40s	Anthropologist; Consultant
Daniel Robinson**	M	20s	Zionist programming Languages: Hebrew, Arabic, French

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PROFESSION; SKILLS</u>
Leonard Saland	M	Retired	Educator (chemistry)
James Andrew Rothman*	M	20s	Computer specialist
Henry R. Meyer	M	Retired	Chemical Engineer, Management specialist
Marion E. Meyer	F	Retired	Educator, Sociologist Languages: French, German
Betty Naster	F	50s	Management, community development, public relations
Nora Friedman	F	50s	Educator Language: Fluent Hebrew
Seymour W. Bixhorn	M	60s	School Superintendent
Alan Wagman	M	30s	Activist, volunteer builder
Deborah D. Mudie	F	40s	Health care management
Seymour Stern	M	Retired	Rabbinic skills
Estelle Slomovitz	F	40s	Special Education, administration
Sharon Morton	F	40s	Director of Religious Education; Activist on behalf of Soviet Jewry Language: Hebrew
Sara Lincoln	F	20s	Judaica, Jewish organizational activities, education Language: Hebrew
Michael Lieberman	M	20s	International Relations, Jewish communal affairs, education. Languages: Hebrew, French, some German
Jeffrey Klapper	M	30s	Teaching, Jewish education Languages: German, Spanish, Hebrew, Yiddish

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PROFESSION; SKILLS</u>
Barbara Rosen	F	20s	Jewish Education, kindergarten, pre-school Language: Hebrew
Faith Cohen	F	22	Psychology, Counseling, Jewish Education Language: Hebrew
Robert Wolfeld	M	40s	Engineering, Teaching Math, and Chemistry, Language: Spanish
Rose Wolfeld	F	40s	Mathematics Instructor Language: Spanish
Cynthia Blank	F	60s	Law (trusts and estates), administrative work
Carolina Taitz	F	Retired	Theater, Cinema, and Opera production; make-up and hairdressing Languages: German, Russian, Yiddish, Latvian, Estonian, and Lithuanian
Sara Singer	F	40s	Social Work; Administration; Jewish Communal Service Languages: French; some Hebrew, Japanese and Swedish
David Davis	M	60s	Dentist
Joel Alter	M	20s	Jewish Education, Organizational work, Camping Language: Hebrew
Fred Zimmerman*	M	60s	Business Consulting: Computers, Systems Management; Engineering
Marlene Zimmerman*	F	60s	Artist
Elsie Stern*	F	20s	Jewish Education, Theater, Camping Languages: Hebrew, French, and Hebrew
Morris Preisler	M	40s	Jewish Education Language: Hebrew

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PROFESSION; SKILLS</u>
Alice Goldfinger	F	20s	Rabbinic skills Languages: French, Hebrew
Sanford Kent*	M	63	Dentist
Wife*	F		Dental Assistant
Arnold Glashow*	M	Retired	Dentist
Bee Glashow*	F	Retired	Nurse
Alan Bennett	M	?	Executive Vice President of the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education; Scholar
Renee Samelson	F	30s	Obstetrics/Gynecology
David Greenberg	M	20s	Jewish Education, Zionist programming Language: Hebrew
Joe David	F	40s	Rabbinic Skills
Morris Silver*	M	50s	Dentist
Ruth Silver*	F	?	Nursing; Dental Assistant; Social Work Language: Hebrew
Adolph Heisler	M	60s	Organizational Skills
Deanne Shapiro	M	40s	Psychology
Johanna Shapiro	F	40s	Psychology
Leah Novick	F	?	Rabbinic Skills
Glen Epstein	M	20s	Jewish Programming
Lisa Green	F	20s	Jewish programming; finance; financial problem solving
Abigail Yasgur	F	30s	Librarian
Asher Perlin	M	20s	Jewish programming; education; organization work Language: Hebrew

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PROFESSION; SKILLS</u>
Patricia Kempthorne	F	40s	Social work, paralegal, education Language: Spanish
Gila Silverman	F	21	Jewish education, public relations, anthropology Language: Hebrew
Abbey Silberman	F	21	Jewish studies; organizational work; education
David Spero	M	20s	Jewish education Language: Hebrew
Eric Rosen	M	20s	Youth work; Jewish studies
David Green	M	21	Youth work; Jewish studies
Eliezer Kroll	M	60s	Jewish education; Zionist programming
Merton Bland	M	60s	Retired state department official; educator Language: French
Harriet Mandell	F	30s	Teaching; Educational psychology
Leon Morris	M	21	Youth worker; Jewish program- ming Language: Hebrew
Susan Halpern	F	21	Youth work; Jewish education; Jewish programming Language: Hebrew
Lina Zerabini	F	23	Youth work; Jewish education Language: Spanish
Beth Rubin	F	?	Jewish education; ESL

Notes:

* = Placement into a position
 ** = Candidacy indefinitely placed on hold



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CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN AUGUST 1989

TO: Members of the UAHC Board of Trustees, Temple Presidents and Rabbis

FROM: Lawrence A. Sherman, Chairman
Corps of Service to the Jewish People

DATE: August 11, 1989

I wish to update you on the progress of the Corps of Service to the Jewish People, which is co-sponsored by the UAHC, the World Union for Progressive Judaism and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The Corps, open to all adult Jews, facilitates the use of North American Jewry's professional and technical skills in service to other Jewish communities.

Our major emphasis over the last several months has been to develop an infrastructure, to permit expanded growth over the next year. We are beginning to see the fruit of this effort, as as our number of placements has begun to increase.

Our top priority for the next year will be to increase the number of positions available. If you know of a potential host community in search of skilled or professional volunteers, please contact Eric Polokoff at (212) 249-0100, extension 209.

In this report, we have broken down Corps activities into six distinct areas. They are as follows:

- I. Corps History and Overview of Current Developments
- II. New Placements
- III. Upcoming Placements
- IV. Available Positions
- V. Sampling of Applicants to the Corps of Service
- VI. Applications for Host Communities and for Volunteers

The Corps is administered in New York by Rabbi Daniel B. Syme and Eric Polokoff. On behalf of Rabbi Syme and Eric, I look forward to receiving your comments.

I. CORPS HISTORY AND OVERVIEW OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

HOW THE CORPS WAS CREATED

In his speech to the UAHC Biennial Convention in November 1985, Rabbi Alexander Schindler called for the establishment of a Corps of Service. Rabbi Schindler envisioned such a Corps expanding Reform Judaism's global sense of peoplehood and communal responsibility. The Corps would produce generations of Jews for whom the word mitzvah would evoke "a stunning set of memories and experiences."

In response to this charge, the Biennial Assembly unanimously authorized a task force to study the Corps' feasibility. This Task Force examined in great detail how a new Reform Jewish service corps should be constituted. Following the recommendation of experts from the U.S. Peace Corps and other organizations, the Task Force determined that the Corps would proceed cautiously in finding positions in host communities abroad, and in recruiting and screening volunteers for any such openings.

THE THREE QUESTIONS

Task Force members identified the three crucial issues necessary for a successful Corps:

Question 1. Would people really volunteer? Would the Corps of Service be able to attract dedicated and skilled adult Jews for long term volunteer assignments overseas?

Answer. North American Reform and liberal Jews are eager to help Jewish communities abroad.

The response of the Reform Movement has been overwhelming. More than 60 individuals and couples of all ages have come forward to offer their time and skills to the Corps of Service.

Question 2. Would the Corps be able to find positions? Could the Corps of Service find host communities able to support the volunteer program?

Answer. Progressive Jewish communities in Israel, Africa, Europe, and elsewhere are working with the Corps of Service to find responsible and dynamic volunteers.

The Corps now seeks volunteers for eight positions in Israel, Europe, and Africa, and expects to increase this number significantly in the future as the success of Corps volunteers in Israel, Italy and Switzerland, becomes more widely known. We also anticipate growth in other organizations' requests for Corps assistance in finding capable candidates for their international volunteer efforts.

Question 3. Could the Corps of Service match volunteers? Would the Corps be able to match host communities and volunteers of various skills, time requirements, geographic preferences, beliefs and lifestyles?

Answer. The Corps is not just an excellent vehicle for providing volunteers for host communities; it is truly a "matchmaker" between dedicated North American Reform Jews and Jewish communities overseas.

The first two Corps volunteers placed, Jonathan Meyer and James Rothman, serve as paradigms for Reform Jewish activism.

Jonathan Meyer, a specialist in Jewish Education, was sent to Geneva in 1988. In Switzerland and France, Jonathan shared the riches of North American Jewry's long and highly developed experience in informal education. In contrast, many of the communities Jonathan served developed as communities only after 1945.

James Rothman, a computer specialist formerly on the staff of our Religious Action Center, was placed into the JDC's office in Italy immediately prior to the mass emigration of Soviet Jews. There, working in the JDC's nerve center, James currently helps to coordinate the records of the thousands of Jews residing temporarily in Italy.

Through its unique ability to match the interests of communities and individuals, our Corps enables North American Jews to express their bond to Jews of other lands; to strengthen the Jewish programs and services of communities in other lands; to enhance the appreciation and respect for Jews in other lands by North American Reform Jews; and to participate in the growing appreciation of and respect for Reform Judaism by Jews in other lands.

STAFFING

In September 1988, Eric Polokoff, a 5th year rabbinic student at HUC-JIR began assisting Rabbi Daniel Syme as the Corps' Coordinator. Eric is charged with overseeing the day-to-day administration of Corps activities and developing proposals for the Corps' growth.

RECRUITING VOLUNTEER APPLICANTS

We have spent the last several months developing the necessary infrastructure for the Corps. Advertisements in Reform Judaism and in the Jewish media have generated the resumes from over sixty individuals or families of various ages interested in volunteering in the Jewish community. (See the statistics below, as well as the sampling from our "Data Base," the List of Applicants to the Corps of Service in Part V.) Generally, the level of accomplishment of our potential candidates -- academic background, professional skills, experience in helping others -- is quite high.

A recent statistical breakdown of the applicants to the Corps is as follows:

INDIVIDUAL MAN	27	AGES 20-40	23
INDIVIDUAL WOMAN	23	AGES 40-60	24
COUPLES	9 (18)	AGES 60+	21

TOTAL	68	TOTAL	68

SEARCHING FOR HOST COMMUNITIES

We have also sought to expand the number of positions available. In addition to our Reform/Progressive Judaism contacts, we have embarked upon joint projects with the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). A Corps volunteer, James Rothman, is currently serving the JDC in Italy as a computer systems designer. The JDC has interviewed and is considering other volunteers for placement in either Italy and Hungary.

We are currently discussing the potential for joint projects with the Jewish National Fund, and have established contact. We have also corresponded with other organizations, such as the LifeLine for the Elderly in Israel and the American Jewish World Service regarding the potential for providing them with skilled volunteers.

OUR NEXT STEPS

Over the next year, we are planning the following steps:

- o Developing new materials, programs and brochures for use at regional biennials;
- o Surveying the WUPJ and other international Jewish organizations to learn their personnel and programmatic needs;
- o An international letter writing campaign to find host communities in need of volunteers; and
- o Attempting to match volunteers serving in non-rabbinic functions with congregations in North America (perhaps in conjunction with the UAHC Regional Directors and/or UAHC Department of Small Congregations).

A analysis of the Corps activities, direction and scope will be conducted over the fall.

II. NEW PLACEMENTS

YOUTH PROGRAMMER FOR SWITZERLAND

Elsie Stern has been selected as the second volunteer to serve as a Specialist in Programming and Informal Jewish Education for the Jewish Community Center in Geneva, Switzerland.

Elsie will begin her Corps of Service position in the early Fall. She will conduct educational programs for both youth and adults, including seminars, camp weekends, and teaching of Jewish subjects in more traditional settings, and will also be available for temporary projects with youth of other French-speaking communities. She has made a year's time commitment to the Congregation, and will live with a host family throughout her term of service.

Elsie is well suited to share new educational skills and programs developed in America, given her extensive background in all aspects of formal and informal Jewish education, including camping, day and religious schools. She is currently a teacher at the Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School in Chicago, IL and the Program Director of the UAHC's Camp Swig Institute in Saratoga, CA. She has also been extremely active in theater in Chicago and New Haven, CT.

Elsie graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. Degree in Literature from Yale University. She is the daughter of Rabbi Jack and Priscilla Stern of Scarsdale, NY.

ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST FOR KIBBUTZ YAHIEL

Fred and Marlene Zimmerman of Beverly Hills, California, were selected as volunteers for Kibbutz Yahiel, located in Israel's arava region. The couple have made a three month time commitment to live on the kibbutz.

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DENTISTS FOR KIBBUTZ YAHIEL

Dr. Morris and Ruth Silver of South Orange, NJ served for a week in July as volunteers in the kibbutz's dental clinic. The couple are no strangers to kibbutz life -- they have previously volunteered at Kibbutz Kfar Menachem. The Silvers are members of Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel of South Orange, where Morris serves as the ARZA chairman.

Dr. Arnold and Bee Glashow of Uxbridge, MA will also serve at Yahiel in the dental clinic. The Glashows, members of Temple Beth Am of Springfield, have made a commitment to live on the kibbutz throughout the month of October.

III. UPCOMING PLACEMENTS

The following placements are expected shortly:

- o DENTIST FOR KIBBUTZ YAHIEL. We are discussing the potential for short term assignments on Kibbutz Yahiel with other dentists and are assisting the kibbutz representative in coordinating their possible assignments. In addition, we have received from ARZA a list of potential dentists to contact should anything impede the candidacies of our current applicants.

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IV. AVAILABLE POSITIONS

(From the recent issue of Reform Judaism)

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The candidate must make a minimum time commitment of two to three months to learn and to implement the system. The kibbutz will provide housing, meals, and a stipend equivalent to that of other kibbutz members.

SPECIALIST IN ZIONIST PROGRAMMING IN SOUTH AFRICA

The South African Union for Progressive Judaism seeks two volunteers to work with Netzer Maginim, the South African Reform Zionist Youth movement, in Cape Town and Durban.

Both leadership positions require individuals with the skill and experience to guide the activities of Netzer Maginim and motivate participation by its members, who range in age from ten to twenty.

The ideal candidate will be a college graduate at least twenty-five years of age, with a strong Zionist background and ideology, some Hebrew ability, and extensive youth work experience.

The minimum time commitment is one year, commencing as soon as possible. All travel and living expenses will be covered.

PROGRAMMING SPECIALIST IN SWITZERLAND

The Jewish Community Center of Geneva, Switzerland seeks a Jewishly literate, French-speaking specialist in Jewish studies and informal education. The individual selected must commit to a minimum term of service of one year, during which time he or she will conduct educational programs for both youth and adults, including seminars, camp weekends, and teaching of Jewish subjects in more traditional settings. All travel and living expenses will be covered by the community.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE IN ISRAEL

Kibbutz Yahel seeks a rabbi or professor capable of conducting seminars for visiting groups of high school and college students. The seminars, on subjects ranging from Reform Judaism to the history of Zionism, will be conducted primarily in English. Knowledge of Hebrew, French, or Spanish is not required but will be advantageous. Applicants will be required to make a minimum commitment of three months. The kibbutz will welcome families with children if the volunteer commits for a minimum of a complete school year. The kibbutz will supply housing, food, and an allowance equivalent to that of other kibbutz members.

DENTIST IN ISRAEL

Kibbutz Yahel, a Reform Movement settlement in Israel's Negev Desert, seeks dentists to work in its dental office. Qualified candidates visiting Israel for even a short period of time are requested to apply.

The kibbutz will welcome families with children if the volunteer commits for a minimum of a complete school year. The kibbutz will supply housing, food, and a small allowance.

DIRECTOR ETHIOPIA MEDICAL PROGRAM

A challenging opportunity for a physician, preferably a pediatrician with Third World experience (with/without an MPH) to manage a medical team in Health Center in Gondar, Ethiopia. Responsibilities: Supervision of all aspects of the operation of the center including preventive, outreach, and training programs. Transportation and stipend provided. No language requirement. Preference for one year but will consider six month assignment.

V. **SAMPLING OF APPLICANTS TO THE CORPS OF SERVICE**

Though we do not publish the names of our applicants, here is a random sampling of volunteers taken from the Corps' Data Base.

<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PROFESSION; SKILLS</u>
M	40s	Professor of English; Jewish literature. Languages: Italian, French, German & Esperanto
F	40s	Psychologist
M	Retired	Oral Surgeon; Instructor of Dentistry
F	40s	Rabbi
M	60s	School Superintendent
F	20s	Social Activism; Education
F	Retired	Teacher (K-12); Specialist in English as a Second Language. Language: Spanish, some Hebrew
F	20s	Library Science, Jewish Education. Language: Hebrew
M	34	Teacher for the Hearing Impaired; Reading Specialist
M	20s	International Relations, Jewish communal affairs, education. Languages: Hebrew, French, German
M	Retired	Food Technologist; Attorney; Consultant
M	50s-60s	International Business; Consulting; Engineering; Finance & Economics
F	30s-40s	Public Relations; Communications; Jewish Communal Service
M	Retired	Chemical Engineer, Management specialist
F	40s	Health care management
F	Retired	Theater, Cinema, and Opera production; make-up and hairstressing. Languages: German, Russian, Yid- dish, Latvian, Estonian, and Lithuanian

VI. APPLICATIONS FOR THE CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE

HOST COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR POSITION: PART I

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL RESPONSES)

I. NAME AND TITLE: _____
REQUESTING ENTITY: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____

POSITION: _____
STARTING DATE DESIRED: _____
TERM OF POSITION: _____

II. JOB DESCRIPTION AND SUPERVISION:

III. QUALIFICATIONS:

IV. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

V. REASON FOR POSITION REQUEST:

VI. LIVING CONDITIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FREE TIME:

VII. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

(FEEL FREE TO ADD TO THIS APPLICATION)

Please return to:
Eric Polokoff, Coordinator
UAHC/WUPJ CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021 U.S.A.

**CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM: PART I**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

AVAILABILITY:

OCCUPATION:

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS:

LANGUAGE(S):

EDUCATION (COLLEGE, POST-GRADUATE, OR HIGHEST LEVEL OF SCHOOLING)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

PERSONAL:

GENERAL HEALTH:

PREFERENCE OF GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:

WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CORPS OF SERVICE?

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CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE

The Corps of Service to the Jewish People was recently initiated in order to facilitate the use of North American Jewry's professional and technical skills in the service to international and domestic Jewish communities. It represents an innovative, dynamic direction in Reform Jewish activism by simultaneously accomplishing two important goals: it enables liberal Jews to demonstrate their commitment to the principles of prophetic Judaism -- social justice, caring for those in need, volunteerism -- while at the same time affirm their responsibilities to other Jews both around the world and in the United States and Canada.

The Corps of Service to the Jewish People is open to all adult Jews. It has no age restrictions. At present, communities seeking Corps of Service volunteers are in greatest need of individuals possessing professional skills in such areas as teaching, youth work, engineering, computers, medicine and dentistry, and synagogue administration.

Volunteers to the Corps are placed into specific jobs outside of the United States and Canada of varying times of service. Most Corps positions require a minimum of six months time commitment. Current openings include positions in Israel, Italy, Guatemala and Switzerland. Housing, food, transportation and a small stipend are provided in most Corps of Service positions.

The Corps of Service to the Jewish People is co-sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) and the World Union for Progressive Judaism. The Corps also undertakes projects in conjunction with the American Joint Jewish Distribution Committee. The Corps is administered in New York City by Rabbi Daniel B. Syme and Mr. Eric Polokoff, acting under the direction of the Chairman of its Board, Mr. Larry Sherman of Chicago, IL.

For further information, please contact Eric Polokoff at the UAHC's national offices: (212) 240-0100, extension 209. The Corps of Service to the Jewish People is located at 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021.



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25 Tammuz 5749
July 28, 1989

Dear Rabbi or Congregational President:

I am writing on behalf of the Corps of Service to the Jewish People, a program co-sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the World Union for Progressive Judaism and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The Corps, open to all adult Jews, facilitates the use of North American Jewry's professional and technical skills in service to other Jewish communities. As of this writing, volunteers are currently stationed in Israel, Italy and Switzerland.

More than 70 individuals and couples of all ages have come forward to offer their time and skills to the Corps of Service. Our diverse list of potential volunteers includes, among others, Educators and Youth Workers. Many of our applicants are multilingual.

Corps of Service volunteers are not paid for their efforts. They live in housing provided by their hosts, who also underwrite transportation costs and a modest stipend.

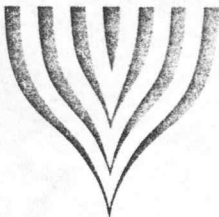
If your community is in need of volunteer workers, we invite you to participate in the Corps of Service. We can assist you obtain volunteers by advertising positions throughout North America, coordinating the responses, and serving as a liaison between community and volunteer.

If you are interesting in hosting a Corps of Service volunteer, please send us the following information: Name of the position and brief description of the work entailed; Desired starting date and term of position; Address, phone, and contact person of the requesting entity; Type of supervision to be provided; Required educational or professional qualifications; and Necessary language requirements.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

B'shalom,

Eric Polokoff
Coordinator
Corps of Service to the
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January 25, 1990

Mr. Gerald Daniel
601 Longboat Club Road
Longboat Key, Florida 34228

Re: Corps of Service to The Jewish People

Dear Gerry:

Larry Sherman, Chairman of the Corps of Service to The Jewish People, and I are delighted that you have agreed to serve as the Chairman of International Development of the Corps of Service.

By the copy of this letter, I ask Larry and Rabbi Syme to get in touch with you so that you jointly can formulate plans for expanding the use of the Corps internationally, just as plans are being made to extend the use of the Corps to North America. This can be one of the most exciting and worthwhile activities in which the UAHC has ever engaged, and I know that Larry and Danny look forward to working with you in developing service by dedicated lay and professional Jews to their brethren throughout the world.

Shalom,

Allan B. Goldman, Chairman
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cc: Mr. Lawrence A. Sherman
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

Copy of Source

August 8, 1989
7 Av 5749

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zimmerman
250 Peck Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Dear Marlene and Fred:

It is my fond hope your two months at Kibbutz Yahel were as meaningful and fulfilling for you as they were for the members of the Kibbutz. They have shared with me their heartfelt appreciation for your investment of time with the Kibbutz and for the priceless help you were both able to render. While I am certain the members of the Kibbutz have made known to you their gratitude, I write to convey the appreciation of all of us of the UAHC for the mitzvah you have undertaken and fulfilled so magnificently!

Hillel Tobias tells me ~~that~~ the cost accounting system you, Fred, set-up is working well and a boon to his work. He also described Marlene's work in setting up a small, home ceramics unit and I am delighted with this development. It should be a source of gratification to you both to know that your two months at Yahel were truly well spent and whatever you gained from the experience was multiplied over and over again by the Kibbutz. You have made a superb impact and have truly become part of the Yahel family.

With appreciation and warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Meyer Heller
Mr. Lawrence A. Sherman

KIBBUTZ YAHIEL

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1st August, 1989

FAX TO: U.A.H.C. PRESIDENT

ATTN: RABBI ALEXANDER SCHINDLER

FROM: HILLEL TOBIAS

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Dear Alex,

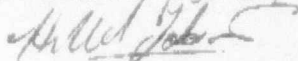
I hope that this letter finds you, Raya and your family in good health. Fred and Marlene Zimmerman, members of the Reform Movement - Beverly Hills have just completed a two month stay at Yahel as volunteers. Fred spent his entire stay setting up a cost-accounting system, with which we are presently working. Marlene has set up a small, home ceramics unit, making mezuzot, channukiot etc.

Fred and Marlene are members of a Reform Temple in Beverly Hills and came to volunteer at Yahel through ARZA's advertisement in "Reform Judaism". Their son David Zimmerman is an active member of his congregation and NFTY.

I would very much appreciate it if you would write them a thank you letter for the huge investment they made at Yahel. They are willing to continue volunteering in Reform Institutions both in Israel and in the United States, and I can personally recommend Fred's excellence in his field. He would be an asset to any organisation/business.

Their address is: Fred and Marlene Zimmerman
250 Peck Drive
Beverly Hills
CA 90212
Phone: (213) 553-8880

My fondest regards,

Hillel Tobias
Treasurer - Yahel

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August 7, 1989
Av 6 5749

Mrs. Laurence A. Tisch
980 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Billie:

Yesterday, Rhea and I and members of the family were in New Hampshire to bury Rhea's wonderful Auntie Goldie, a rare and wonderful human being. Thanks to your intervention, it was possible for Miss Rosenblum to spend her last few years at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Kingsbridge. We are eternally grateful to you for making this possible for it eased a difficult situation for Auntie and for the entire family.

The care and concern evidenced by everyone at the home is something Rhea and I shall never forget. From nurses to administrators, to social workers and maintenance staff, one and all, along with attending physicians, deserve our highest praise for the humanity and devotion with which they serve and care for those in their charge. The home is one which Federation can point to with great pride.

I hope you and Larry are well and enjoying a pleasant Summer. I simply had to write to share with you our appreciation of the Home and, above all, those with the responsibility of tending to residents.

With warm regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

June 23, 1989
20 Sivan 5749

Mr. Lawrence Sherman
825 Sheridan Road
Glencoe, IL 60022

Dear Larry:

Alex has left for the CCAR conference in Cincinnati and will head overseas from there. As he's not due to be back at his desk until Mid-July, I'm writing to thank you for the Corps of Service to the Jewish People Report. I will hold it for Alex's return and I am certain he will be delighted with the report.

Eric tells me he has received two new applications from dentists as a result of the REFORM JUDAISM ad. That's terrific!

Have a great Summer, see you in the Fall. Fond regards to you and Mary -- she's a great gal!

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President



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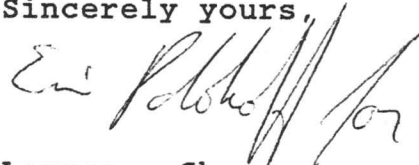
Dear Corps of Service Board Member:

I am pleased to share with you this advanced copy of our report describing recent Corps of Service activities. The report documents our current status and outlines our proposed next steps.

You are invited to offer your comments on this report, as well as your suggestions for the Corps, as soon as practical. We plan to distribute a revised version of this report to UAHC Board Members, Congregational Presidents and Rabbis before the summer.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



Lawrence Sherman
Chairman
Corps of Service to the
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CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN MAY 1989

TO: Members of the UAHC Board of Trustees, Temple Presidents and Rabbis

FROM: Lawrence A. Sherman, Chairman
Corps of Service to the Jewish People

DATE: May 26, 1989

I wish to update you on the progress of the Corps of Service to the Jewish People, which is co-sponsored by the UAHC, the World Union for Progressive Judaism and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The Corps, open to all adult Jews, facilitates the use of North American Jewry's professional and technical skills in service to other Jewish communities.

Our major emphasis over the last several months has been to develop an infrastructure, to permit expanded growth over the next year. We are beginning to see the fruit of this effort, as as our number of placements has begun to increase.

Our top priority for the next year will be to increase the number of positions available. If you know of a potential host community in search of skilled or professional volunteers, please contact Eric Polokoff at (212) 249-0100, extension 209.

In this report, we have broken down Corps activities into six distinct areas. They are as follows:

- I. Corps History and Overview of Current Developments
- II. New Placements
- III. Upcoming Placements
- IV. Available Positions
- V. Sampling of Applicants to the Corps of Service
- VI. Applications for Host Communities and for Volunteers

The Corps is administered in New York by Rabbi Daniel B. Syme and Eric Polokoff. On behalf of Rabbi Syme and Eric, I look forward to receiving your comments.

I. CORPS HISTORY AND OVERVIEW OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

HOW THE CORPS WAS CREATED

In his speech to the UAHC Biennial Convention in November 1985, Rabbi Alexander Schindler called for the establishment of a Corps of Service. Rabbi Schindler envisioned such a Corps expanding Reform Judaism's global sense of peoplehood and communal responsibility. The Corps would produce generations of Jews for whom the word mitzvah would evoke "a stunning set of memories and experiences."

In response to this charge, the Biennial Assembly unanimously authorized a task force to study the Corps' feasibility. This Task Force examined in great detail how a new Reform Jewish service corps should be constituted. Following the recommendation of experts from the U.S. Peace Corps and other organizations, the Task Force determined that the Corps would proceed cautiously in finding positions in host communities abroad, and in recruiting and screening volunteers for any such openings.

THE THREE QUESTIONS

Task Force members identified the three crucial issues necessary for a successful Corps:

Question 1. Would people really volunteer? Would the Corps of Service be able attract dedicated and skilled adult Jews for long term volunteer assignments overseas?

Answer. North American Reform and liberal Jews are eager to help Jewish communities abroad.

The response of the Reform Movement has been overwhelming. More than 60 individuals and couples of all ages have come forward to offer their time and skills to the Corps of Service.

Question 2. Would the Corps be able to find positions? Could the Corps of Service find host communities able to support the volunteer program?

Answer. Progressive Jewish communities in Israel, Africa, Europe, and elsewhere are working with the Corps of Service to find responsible and dynamic volunteers.

The Corps now seeks volunteers for eight positions in Israel, Europe, and Africa, and expects to increase this number significantly in the future as the success of Corps volunteers in Israel, Italy and Switzerland, becomes more widely known. We also anticipate growth in other organizations' requests for Corps assistance in finding capable candidates for their international volunteer efforts.

Question 3. Could the Corps of Service match volunteers? Would the Corps be able to match host communities and volunteers of various skills, time requirements, geographic preferences, beliefs and lifestyles?

Answer. The Corps is not just an excellent vehicle for providing volunteers for host communities; it is truly a "matchmaker" between dedicated North American Reform Jews and Jewish communities overseas.

The first two Corps volunteers placed, Jonathan Meyer and James Rothman, serve as paradigms for Reform Jewish activism.

Jonathan Meyer, a specialist in Jewish Education, was sent to Geneva in 1988. In Switzerland and France, Jonathan shared the riches of North American Jewry's long and highly developed experience in informal education. In contrast, many of the communities Jonathan served developed as communities only after 1945.

James Rothman, a computer specialist formerly on the staff of our Religious Action Center, was placed into the JDC's office in Italy immediately prior to the mass emigration of Soviet Jews. There, working in the JDC's nerve center, James currently helps to coordinate the records of the thousands of Jews residing temporarily in Italy.

Through its unique ability to match the interests of communities and individuals, our Corps enables North American Jews to express their bond to Jews of other lands; to strengthen the Jewish programs and services of communities in other lands; to enhance the appreciation and respect for Jews in other lands by North American Reform Jews; and to participate in the growing appreciation of and respect for Reform Judaism by Jews in other lands.

STAFFING

In September 1988, Eric Polokoff, a 4th year rabbinic student at HUC-JIR began assisting Rabbi Daniel Syme as the Corps' Coordinator. Eric is charged with overseeing the day-to-day administration of Corps activities and developing proposals for the Corps' growth.

RECRUITING VOLUNTEER APPLICANTS

We have spent the last several months developing the necessary infrastructure for the Corps. Advertisements in Reform Judaism and in the Jewish media have generated the resumes from over sixty individuals or families of various ages interested in volunteering in the Jewish community. (See the statistics below, as well as the sampling from our "Data Base," the List of Applicants to the Corps of Service in Part V.) Generally, the level of accomplishment of our potential candidates -- academic background, professional skills, experience in helping others -- is quite high.

A statistical breakdown of the applicants to the Corps is as follows:

INDIVIDUAL MAN	27	AGES 20-40	23
INDIVIDUAL WOMAN	23	AGES 40-60	24
COUPLES	9 (18)	AGES 60+	21
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TOTAL	68	TOTAL	68

SEARCHING FOR HOST COMMUNITIES

We have also sought to expand the number of positions available. In addition to our Reform/Progressive Judaism contacts, we have embarked upon joint projects with the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). A Corps volunteer, James Rothman, is currently serving the JDC in Italy as a computer systems designer. The JDC has interviewed and is considering other volunteers for placement in either Italy and Hungary.

We are currently discussing the potential for joint projects with the Jewish National Fund, and have established contact. We have also corresponded with other organizations, such as the LifeLine for the Elderly in Israel and the American Jewish World Service regarding the potential for providing them with skilled volunteers.

OUR NEXT STEPS

Over the next year, we are planning the following steps:

- o Developing new materials, programs and brochures for use at regional biennials;
- o Surveying the WUPJ and other international Jewish organizations to learn their personnel and programmatic needs;
- o An international letter writing campaign to find host communities in need of volunteers; and
- o Attempting to match volunteers serving in non-rabbinic functions with congregations in North America (perhaps in conjunction with the UAHC Regional Directors and/or UAHC Department of Small Congregations).

A analysis of the Corps activities, direction and scope will be conducted over the summer.

II. NEW PLACEMENTS

YOUTH PROGRAMMER FOR SWITZERLAND

Elsie Stern has been selected as the second volunteer to serve as a Specialist in Programming and Informal Jewish Education for the Jewish Community Center in Geneva, Switzerland.

Elsie will begin her Corps of Service position in the early Fall. She will conduct educational programs for both youth and adults, including seminars, camp weekends, and teaching of Jewish subjects in more traditional settings, and will also be available for temporary projects with youth of other French-speaking communities. She has made a year's time commitment to the Congregation, and will live with a host family throughout her term of service.

Elsie is well suited to share new educational skills and programs developed in America, given her extensive background in all aspects of formal and informal Jewish education, including camping, day and religious schools. She is currently a teacher at the Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School in Chicago, IL and the Program Director of the UAHC's Camp Swig Institute in Saratoga, CA. She has also been extremely active in theater in Chicago and New Haven, CT.

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Fred is currently a management consultant. He spent twenty years in top management positions at the System Development Corporation, most recently as Director of Management Analysis. He holds a Master's degree in Applied Physics and a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering. He has also pursued studies in Economics and Hebrew.

Marlene is a self-taught artist who has had major exhibitions both in the U.S. and abroad. She has received numerous awards and prizes for her work. Her art is part of museum collections in the United States and Europe.

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Kibbutz Yahiel seeks a specialist in cost accounting systems and economics to set up efficient cost monitoring system for the entire kibbutz. The ideal candidate will have a basic knowledge of Hebrew, strong experience with computer programming in terms of real time accurate management tools, and some experience in establishing such systems.

The candidate must make a minimum time commitment of two to three months to learn and to implement the system. The kibbutz will provide housing, meals, and a stipend equivalent to that of other kibbutz members.

SPECIALIST IN ZIONIST PROGRAMMING IN SOUTH AFRICA

The South African Union for Progressive Judaism seeks two volunteers to work with Netzer Maginim, the South African Reform Zionist Youth movement, in Cape Town and Durban.

Both leadership positions require individuals with the skill and experience to guide the activities of Netzer Maginim and motivate participation by its members, who range in age from ten to twenty.

The ideal candidate will be a college graduate at least twenty-five years of age, with a strong Zionist background and ideology, some Hebrew ability, and extensive youth work experience.

The minimum time commitment is one year, commencing as soon as possible. All travel and living expenses will be covered.

PROGRAMMING SPECIALIST IN SWITZERLAND

The Jewish Community Center of Geneva, Switzerland seeks a Jewishly literate, French-speaking specialist in Jewish studies and informal education. The individual selected must commit to a minimum term of service of one year, during which time he or she will conduct educational programs for both youth and adults, including seminars, camp weekends, and teaching of Jewish subjects in more traditional settings. All travel and living expenses will be covered by the community.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE IN ISRAEL

Kibbutz Yahiel seeks a rabbi or professor capable of conducting seminars for visiting groups of high school and college students. The seminars, on subjects ranging from Reform Judaism to the history of Zionism, will be conducted primarily in English. Knowledge of Hebrew, French, or Spanish is not required but will be advantageous. Applicants will be required to make a minimum commitment of three months. The kibbutz will welcome families with children if the volunteer commits for a minimum of a complete school year. The kibbutz will supply housing, food, and an allowance equivalent to that of other kibbutz members.

DENTIST IN ISRAEL

Kibbutz Yahiel, a Reform Movement settlement in Israel's Negev Desert, seeks dentists to work in its dental office. Qualified candidates visiting Israel for even a short period of time are requested to apply.

The kibbutz will welcome families with children if the volunteer commits for a minimum of a complete school year. The kibbutz will supply housing, food, and a small allowance.

DIRECTOR ETHIOPIA MEDICAL PROGRAM

A challenging opportunity for a physician, preferably a pediatrician with Third World experience (with/without an MPH) to manage a medical team in Health Center in Gondar, Ethiopia. Responsibilities: Supervision of all aspects of the operation of the center including preventive, outreach, and training programs. Transportation and stipend provided. No language requirement. Preference for one year but will consider six month assignment.

V. **SAMPLING OF APPLICANTS TO THE CORPS OF SERVICE**

Though we do not publish the names of our applicants, here is a random sampling of volunteers taken from the Corps' Data Base.

<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PROFESSION; SKILLS</u>
M	40s	Professor of English; Jewish literature. Languages: Italian, French, German & Esperanto
F	40s	Psychologist
M	Retired	Oral Surgeon; Instructor of Dentistry
F	40s	Rabbi
M	60s	School Superintendent
F	20s	Social Activism; Education
F	Retired	Teacher (K-12); Specialist in English as a Second Language. Language: Spanish, some Hebrew
F	20s	Library Science, Jewish Education. Language: -Hebrew
M	34	Teacher for the Hearing Impaired; Reading Specialist
M	20s	International Relations, Jewish communal affairs, education. Languages: Hebrew, French, German
M	Retired	Food Technologist; Attorney; Consultant
M	50s-60s	International Business; Consulting; Engineering; Finance & Economics
F	30s-40s	Public Relations; Communications; Jewish Communal Service
M	Retired	Chemical Engineer, Management specialist
F	40s	Health care management
F	Retired	Theater, Cinema, and Opera production; make-up and hairstyling. Languages: German, Russian, Yid- dish, Latvian, Estonian, and Lithuanian

VI. APPLICATIONS FOR THE CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE

HOST COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR POSITION: PART I

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL RESPONSES)

I. NAME AND TITLE: _____

REQUESTING ENTITY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

POSITION: _____

STARTING DATE DESIRED: _____

TERM OF POSITION: _____

II. JOB DESCRIPTION AND SUPERVISION:

III. QUALIFICATIONS:

IV. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

V. REASON FOR POSITION REQUEST:

VI. LIVING CONDITIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FREE TIME:

VII. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

(FEEL FREE TO ADD TO THIS APPLICATION)

Please return to:
Eric Polokoff, Coordinator
UAHC/WUPJ CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021 U.S.A.

CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM: PART I

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

AVAILABILITY:

OCCUPATION:

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS:

LANGUAGE(S):

EDUCATION (COLLEGE, POST-GRADUATE, OR HIGHEST LEVEL OF SCHOOLING)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

PERSONAL:

GENERAL HEALTH:

PREFERENCE OF GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:

WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CORPS OF SERVICE?

(PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ADD TO THIS APPLICATION)

Please return to:
Eric Polokoff, Coordinator
UAHC/WUPJ CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021 U.S.A.

MEMORANDUM

please see

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

Date May 20, 1988

To Corps of Service to the Jewish People

cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Please add the enclosed resume as number 12 to
your packet. All the best!



Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEWYORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100

61-15 97th Street
Apartment 8E
Rego Park, New York 11374

May 14, 1988

Rabbi Daniel B. Syme
Vice President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

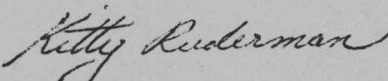
Dear Rabbi Syme:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my inquiry about your volunteer program. I am happy to enclose a recent resume but would like to add that through the years I have been involved in community affairs and have always been an active volunteer, working for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years with Cabrini Hospice and for the past $4\frac{1}{2}$ years with the homeless. In addition, I have had the opportunity to travel. I would be most interested to discuss service opportunities further with you at your convenience. As you can see, my experience has been confined to office but I am anxious to expand and know I could contribute.

I look forward to hearing from you further.

With best regards,

Sincerely,


Kitty Ruderman

enc.

CURRICULUM VITAE

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KITTY L. RUDERMAN
61-15 97th Street, Apt. 8E
Rego Park, New York 11374
(718) 699-2976

- June, 1985 - present
DILLON, READ & CO. INC.
535 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022
Executive Secretary to Managing Director/Corporate Finance
Responsible for maintaining calendar, scheduling appointments and meetings,
heavy client contact, travel arrangements, dictation, own correspondence,
expense reports, personal and administrative duties.
- September, 1982 - August, 1983
DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON
875 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022
Executive Secretary to Senior Partner specializing in antitrust litigation
Preparation of myriad legal documents, including dictation and transcription
of briefs, opinions, leases, affidavits, memoranda of law, billing, proofreading,
travel arrangements, often working under deadline. Maintained checkbooks.
- September, 1978 - June, 1982
SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM
919 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022
Executive Secretary and Administrative Assistant to Senior Partner, Head of Firm
Responsible for client billing, maintaining investment portfolio, arranging
meetings, planning itineraries, travel reservations, heavy phones and client
contact.
- July, 1976 - August, 1978
SHEARMAN & STERLING
399 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022
Executive Secretary and Administrative Assistant to Senior Litigation Partner
Assisting in team administration, assignment of new caseloads, arranging meetings,
heavy client contact, distribution of mail, coordinating travel and preparing
itineraries, billing, preparation of briefs, memoranda of law, opinions of
counsel and various other legal documents pertaining to litigation and bank
financing.
- September, 1975 - July, 1976
AMERICAN PAPER INSTITUTE
260 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016
Executive Secretary to Vice President, International
Typing all reports, correspondence, dictation, scheduling appointments and
meetings with company executives, screening of phones and visitors, dispensing
literature and statistics re paper industry, compiling data for reports and
statistical typing of same, maintaining mailing lists, filing.

- December, 1974 - April, 1978 (part-time)
METROPOLITAN OPERA NATIONAL COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN OPERA CLUB
Lincoln Center, New York, New York 10023
Executive Secretary to Chairman of Publicity and Chairman of Opera Ball
Responsible for publicity/promotion for annual Opera Auditions, contacted news media, scheduled broadcasts, prepared correspondence, biographical sketches of Auditioners.
- November, 1971 - November, 1974
U.S. ARMY, BERLIN BRIGADE
Engineer & Installations Division, Property Section, APO New York 09742
Executive Secretary to Chief of Supply & Procurement
Assistant to Chief, supervising 100 employees, including supervision over two warehousing operations, responsible for all military correspondence in both English and German, maintained personnel records, files, shorthand dictation daily, mail routing to sub-divisions, maintained supervisor's calendar, attended staff meetings and recorded minutes, prepared procurement contracts, etc.
- September, 1969 - August, 1971
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FUND-RAISING COUNSEL, INC.
500 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10036
Staff Assistant responsible for correspondence, both shorthand and dictaphone, compiling statistics for publications, including writing several columns of monthly Bulletin, maintained mailing lists, telephone, disseminated information to member firms and to those planning to run fund-raising campaigns.
- October, 1968 - August, 1969
UNITED EUROPEAN AMERICAN CLUB
500 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10036
Executive Secretary in charge of Flight Department
Responsible for flight scheduling, reservations, ticketing, manifests, seating charts, daily occupancy lists, billing passengers, preparing departure information for mailing, verifying validity of eligible passengers, maintained computer printouts for flights, coordination with supplemental airlines, flight insurance, own correspondence and telephone inquiries.

SKILLS: Typing 95 wpm
Steno 100 wpm
Dictaphone
Telex and teletype
Statistical typing
Foreign language: German

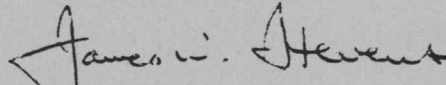
October 15, 1987

To Whom It May Concern:

In the spring of 1985, I joined Dillon Read & Co., Inc. as a managing director, and the firm hired Kitty Ruderman as my executive secretary in June of that year. The purpose of this letter is to report that this woman did an exceptionally fine job over the two years that we worked together. I subsequently accepted a position with The Prudential in Newark, which is the reason that our professional association came to a conclusion.

Kitty has exceptional skills in stenography and typing, and maintains a very efficient office. She has a fine attitude about helping her co-workers and a very positive attitude about her work.

It is a pleasure to provide an outstanding recommendation for her. I would be happy to talk with anyone who is considering her employment.


James W. Stevens



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, BERLIN BRIGADE
APO NEW YORK 09742
Engineer and Installations Division

AEBAB-EN

31 October 1974

SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This letter will introduce Mrs. Kitty Ruderman, born on 9 June 1946 in New York City, who was employed by the US Forces, Berlin Brigade from 3 November 1971 to 31 October 1974 as Secretary/Stenographer (Translator) to the Chief of the Property Section.

In her position Mrs. Ruderman was responsible for taking shorthand dictation in English language on a variety of supply and management subjects and for the transcriptions of dictations into final letter form, with the responsibility for proper letter format, spelling, etc. She was further responsible for the maintenance of a publications library, for the preparation and processing of reports, telephone service and the performance of all other secretarial duties which arose, including participation in conferences. She not only proved to be a very competent secretary but also served as an administrative assistant to the Chief of the Section.

Without hesitation I can state that Mrs. Ruderman performed all assignments in a truly outstanding manner. She was interested in all phases of her work and displayed a quickness of mind and adaptability far above the average. She has an engaging personality which had soon gained her the full recognition and respect of both her co-workers and her superiors.

While Mrs. Ruderman is leaving this organization upon her own desire to return to the United States the undersigned and all members of the Facilities Engineering Property Section deeply regret the loss of such a pleasant and highly efficient fellow worker. I strongly recommend Mrs. Ruderman for any position she feels capable to perform and wish her the best of luck and success in all of her future endeavors.



Boris P. Wismayer

BORIS P. WISMAYER
General Supply Supervisor

MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

Date June 14, 1988

To Mr. Lawrence Sherman, Ms. Shirley Fink

Copies Rabbi Alan D. Bregman, Rabbi Clifford Kulwin,

Subject Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Copy of Service

I enclose a letter from Rabbi Francois Garai of Geneva, with a job description for the post currently held by Jonathan Meyer.

Cliff Kulwin will do the preliminary screening, after which it will be interview time once again!

All the best.





Communauté Israélite Libérale de Genève-GIL

CORPS OF SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE—GENEVA

Job Description

Gender: Male or female, although male is preferable.

Age: At least 20 years old, preferably over 22.

Language: A good base in French is necessary.

Educational Background: Strong knowledge of Jewish religion and practice is necessary. A teaching knowledge of Hebrew is preferable.

Experience: Experience in teaching of Judaica in religious schools, leading youth activities (youth groups, summer camps, etc.) is necessary. Experience leading services and teaching songs is preferable.

Period of Stay: September/October - July is preferable.

Financial Compensation: All regular expenses will be reimbursed including room, board, study, health insurance, travel to and return from Switzerland, etc.

Hours: The hours necessary approximate in number those of a part-time job (15-25 hours/week), including some evenings and weekends.

Responsibilities: Aid and teach in Talmud Torah school, help lead services, organize and coordinate activities of children and youth (outings, overnight trips, youth services, day camp, etc.), possibly act as private tutor in Judaica or Hebrew.

Note: This position offers an opportunity not only to spend an extended period of time in a European Jewish community, but also to travel throughout Switzerland and Europe with members and youth of the community (and alone during one's free time), as well as master a foreign language. Geneva has much to offer beyond its Jewish community. It is the European headquarters of the United Nations, and the international headquarters of the World Health Organization, the International Labor Organization, the International Red Cross, and the Ecumenical Council of Churches. It has a full university with a strong theology department (Protestant).



Communauté Israélite Libérale de Genève

22 Sivan 5748
7 juin 1987

Dear Danny

I hope the 'Job Description' suits
your needs.

The experience with Jonathan proved to
be very positive and we are looking
to continue with another volunteer.

I'll be in New York end of August
(19-24 approximately) and hope to meet
you then, and also Martin Shelzer.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

נחמיה

Rabbi F. GARAI

P.S. Cliff got the original of the Job Description

MEMORANDUM

Please do

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

Date May 17, 1988

To CORPS OF SERVICE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE

cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Dear Friends,

Please add the enclosed two new Corps positions to your packets as "F" and "G".

We are progressing nicely! All the best.
Fondly.



Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100



Scholar in Residence

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Kibbutz Yahel is looking for a rabbi or professor who is willing to give a year of service to design programs and teach in the Seminar Center at Yahel. Today the Seminar Center is expanding the range of its programs which run from one day to two weeks on subjects including Reform Judaism, Reform Zionism, kibbutz and communal settlements in the desert. The seminars are given primarily to high school and college age youth from English speaking countries who are in Israel on short and long term programs. The scholar will also participate in the design and implementation of a long term Israel program at Yahel (3-6 months) which will include work, Hebrew study and Zionist and Jewish studies.

Teaching and programs will be primarily in English. Knowledge of Hebrew, French or Spanish will also be advantageous.

Yahel can absorb a single person or family. Families with children cannot be absorbed for less than a complete school year. The kibbutz will supply housing, food and an allowance equivalent to that of other kibbutz members.

In addition to being an expression of the commitment to fostering the ideas and values of Reform Zionism; the Seminar Center at Yahel is also an important income producing branch of the kibbutz. Assistance in helping to develop the Seminar Center will be greatly appreciated. Pioneering in Jewish education in this pioneering community will be an unforgettable personal experience.



קיבוץ יחל

התנועה הקיבוצית המאוחדת,
התנועה ליהדות מתקדמת

ד.נ.חבל אילות, 88850 טל. 74220 9-71079

ARDOM IL 7792

טלקס:

ATTN: YAHTEL

059-75938

פקסימיליה:

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AREA OF COST ACCOUNTING/SYSTEMS AND ECONOMICS.

The treasury on Yahel needs help in setting up an efficient cost accounting system for the various branches on the Kibbutz (agriculture, tourism, service, consumption.)

This would include setting up an efficient internal paper flow system, using it to do effective costing in conjunction with our existing Digital PDP 11/44 Computer System.

The purpose of the above would be to give real time accurate management tools to Branch heads, Committee heads, the Treasurer and the Economic Coordinator.

Prerequisites:

- a) Basic knowledge of Hebrew
- b) Experience in the above field
- c) Five weeks to two months to learn and to implement to system.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

March 18, 1988

29 Adar 5748

Mr. Richard *Cohen*

We have filled the first position of our Corps of Service. Four others await filling. I think it is time -- though there is no urgency -- to have the release on this subject. Larry Sherman of Chicago is the Chair--man, Rabbi Daniel Syme is the staff member involved. You can get details from them.

Thank you.

*Mr. Sherman
Jewish Corp. of Service*

November 19, 1987
27 Heshvan 5748

Mr. Lawrence A. Sherman
825 Sheridan Road
Glencoe, IL 60022

Dear Larry:

By now I trust you have caught up with your work and rest following the rigors of being a part of the host-community for a Biennial. You and all your fellow Chicagoans did us all proud and the Biennial was truly one of our greatest. We've had marvelous comments from every corner of the U.S. and Canada and that makes us all very happy.

After each Biennial I host a Rabbis' Breakfast which gives me an opportunity to hear some of the concerns and suggestions colleagues wish to share. At the recent breakfast, the comment was made that while it is important to serve communities in far-away places through the efforts of the Jewish Corps of Service, we might consider using this group to provide much needed assistance for congregations here at home. It's an interesting thought and you might wish to follow-up on it and perhaps also discuss the possibility with those involved in the work of our Small congregations Committee.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

December 9, 1986
7 Kislev 5747

Mr. Lawrence A. Sherman
825 Sheridan Road
Glencoe, IL 60022

Dear Larry:

It was good having you in our midst for the UAHC Board of Trustees. I thank you for your very fine report in behalf of the Jewish Corps of Service. You gave us much insight into what has gone on in the past as well as many ideas to give thought to for the future. I am grateful to you.

Rhea joins me in sending warmest regards to you.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

March 3, 1986
22 Adar 1 5746

Ms. Pat Blumenthal
1617 Wabash
Pueblo, CO 81004

Dear Ms. Blumenthal:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing interest in the Union's Corps of Service to the Jewish People. It was good of you to share a copy of your resume as well as your interest in the program.

Let me note immediately that it is not our intention at this time to engage new staff for this project. A copy of the UAHC Biennial Resolution which mandated us to become involved in such a project is enclosed herewith. A reading of it will clarify the fact that we will be working with existing agencies, such as the Joint Distribution Committee, and their professional staffs. We hope to be able to provide the pool of volunteers required for this Corps of Service. Indeed, our own staff assigned to this program will just add another hat and added responsibilities to the work already being undertaken by that person(s).

Our Board Committee is just being formed and will be meeting a few weeks hence. If you are interested in learning more about their deliberations I will be happy to see that you receive additional information when it is available. However, I must reiterate that at this time there is no possibility of employment within the UAHC for this program.

With every good wish and kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Encl.

January 27, 1986
17 Shevat 5746

Mr. Eric Lipman
UAHC New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council
1 Kalisa Way
Paramus, New Jersey 07652

Dear Eric:

The UAHC, at its recent General Assembly in Los Angeles, adopted a resolution to establish a Jewish Corps of Service. A copy of that resolution is enclosed.

This committee has as its charge a feasibility study which we hope will justify the launching of an international Corps of Service to the Jewish People. The committee will gather information, evaluate it carefully, and make a formal recommendation to the Biennial Assembly in Chicago in 1987.

I hope you will accept this appointment. This project can indeed become one of the Reform movement's great contributions to K'lal Yisrael and to the expression of Jewish ideals through service to others.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

cc: Mr. Lawrence Sherman

bcc: Rabbi Daniel Syme
Rabbi Allan Smith
✓ Mr. Albert Vorspan
Rabbi Dan Freeland

February 19, 1986
10 Adar I 5746

Rabbi Raymond A. Zwerin
Temple Sinai
3509 South Glencoe Street
Denver, CO 80237

Dear Ray:

It was good of you to share with me the data on the Alpha Omega Dental Peace Corps and the work they do in Sderot and Kiryat Malachi. I am grateful for your interest.

The data will be helpful to us in preparing for our Corps of Service and I am grateful for the information.

With warmest personal regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

bcc: DAN SYME with Letter

✓
November 26, 1985

Mr. Lawrence Sherman
825 Sheridan Road
Glencoe, Illinois 60022

Dear Larry:

The UAHC, at its recent General Assembly in Los Angeles, adopted a resolution to establish a Jewish Corps of Service. A copy of the resolution is enclosed.

The committee will study the feasibility of such a Corps of Service and will work with Jewish agencies to assist in this venture, to deepen our commitment to K'lal Y'Israel.

It is my pleasure to invite you to serve as the Chairman of the committee. Al Vorspan and Rabbi Daniel Syme and Rabbi Allan Smith will be the UAHC staff advisors.

I do hope you will accept this appointment.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially,

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

Enclosure

bcc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Mrs. Shirlee Goldman-Herzog
Mrs. Ilene Herst
Rabbi Alan D. Bregman
Rabbi Daniel Syme