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**LEV RAPHAEL**

4695 Chippewa Drive

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January 3, 1996

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
President, UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Thank you for the copy of your powerful letter to Edward Rosenthal of the JNF. I've just heard from a local rabbi who called him that the dinner is off.

It's not clear why, but President McPherson has asked for his honor to be postponed for two years. The JNF, however, now has no plans to re-offer the award to him at that time.

Your letter made us very proud to be Jewish, and proud of the Reform Movement.

Sincerely,

*Lev Raphael*

Lev Raphael, Ph.D.

*Gershon Kaufman*

Gershon Kaufman, Ph.D.

fax: (517) 349-8873





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

December 20, 1995  
27 Kislev 5756

Edward Rosenthal  
Jewish National Fund  
17100 W. Ten Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48075

Dear Mr. Rosenthal:

I learned from some members of one of our congregations in the Michigan area of your intention to give the "Tree of Life" award to President Peter McPherson of Michigan State University.

I do not know what President McPherson's accomplishments are which merit such a distinction, but I understand some of his views clash sharply with the stance which the Reform movement has taken on issues of concern to our society. Specifically, so I have been told, he has single handedly blocked domestic partner benefits for gay and lesbian faculty and staff at Michigan State University - and this despite the overwhelming faculty approval and the strong recommendation of the University Task Force.

Mind you, this is not merely the feeling of the Reform Jewish community which, after all, is the largest stream of Judaism on the North American scene. Even the President of Yeshiva University and despite pressures from his religious right, took a liberal stance regarding an issue in this sphere.

When we honor people whose way of life clashes with our traditions, we run the risk of alienating the younger generation who are inclined to be Jews primarily because of our commitment to justice and civil rights.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Dr. Samuel Cohen

BOB GERSHEN KAUFMAN  
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Okemos, MI 48864

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December 9, 1995

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
President, UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

As proud, committed Jews who belong to a Reform congregation (Shir Tikvah in Troy, Michigan), and who admire the Reform movement's position on gay issues, we are writing to ask for your support. Next March, the Jewish National Fund will be honoring President Peter McPherson of Michigan State University at a "Tree of Life" dinner in the Lansing area. This is appalling news because the President hates gays.

President McPherson has single-handedly blocked domestic partner benefits for gay and lesbian faculty and staff at Michigan State University. This, despite overwhelming faculty approval and the strong recommendation of a university task force. McPherson's resistance to domestic partner benefits is especially disturbing because two other universities in Michigan grant such benefits.

We feel that Jews should not be honoring a homophobe in any way. Gersh and I have been writing letters of protest to the organizers of this event as well as to the JNF. A letter from the UAHC would be an enormous help. *Please* send a letter urging that Peter McPherson not be honored by the JNF to:

Edward Rosenthal  
Jewish National Fund  
17100 W. Ten Mile Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48075

We have admired your outspokenness on gay rights in the past and feel that your intervention could be crucial in averting a shameful episode in the Jewish community, whose commitment to justice and civil rights has always been exemplary. Thank you for your time.

B'shalom,

Lev Raphael  
Lev Raphael, Ph.D.

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January 20, 1994  
8 Shevat 5754

Rabbi Mark N. Staitman  
Rodef Shalom Congregation  
4905 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Dear Mark:

This is by way of thanking you for the very fine letter you wrote to the Jewish National Fund concerning their 5754 calendar. I am pleased that you wrote and I merely want to tell you of my gratitude for a job well done.

With fondest regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



January 13, 1994

1 Shevat, 5754

Rabbi David Warshaw  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Warshaw:

I was pleased to receive the most recent edition of the National Rabbinic Advisory Council Newsletter. Enclosed in the mailing was a lovely small card with "significant dates" listing the Jewish holidays for 5754.

Unfortunately, the calendar you sent gives only the dates for Orthodox and some Conservative observance of holidays. Any Reform Jew using this calendar will be misled with respect to Yizkor, for Passover and for Shavuot. There can be only two possible explanations for the printing of the calendar which is misleading; either this was done intentionally or unintentionally. If it was the intent (and I am sure it was not) to ignore the Reform Movement's practices, then I do not wish to be associated with the Jewish National Fund. If the omission of the Reform observance was unintentional, it can only be either out of ignorance or irrelevance. If the staff of the Jewish National Fund, with the large number of rabbis on the advisory council, still is unaware of differences in practice, then there is a serious problem with the organization. On the other hand, if the existence of the Reform Movement is simply an irrelevancy to the Jewish National Fund, and, therefore, it did not even occur to check not only the dates for the Orthodox community but for my community as well, then no purpose can be served in my participating in JNF activities.

I am most distressed that the Jewish National Fund, an institution which I had always thought to be pluralistic would insult the Reform Movement in this way. For this reason, I can no longer participate in the fund raising activities for the JNF, and you will note by the cc at the

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bottom of the letter that I am urging my national bodies to do similarly.

I hope that 1994 will be a year of learning for the Jewish National Fund's staff and National Rabbinic Advisory Council so that Reform Judaism and Reform Jews can, in the future, feel themselves embraced by rather than rejected by the Jewish National Fund.

Sincerely,



Mark N Staitman

/mgf

cc: Rabbi Donald Berlin  
Rabbi Bradley Bleefeld  
Rabbi Bruce Block  
Rabbi David Gelfand  
Rabbi Sheldon Harr  
Rabbi Richard Levine  
Rabbi Leonard Poller  
Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman  
Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Rabbi Daniel Syme  
Rabbi Joseph Glaser



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December 15, 1993  
1 Tevet 5754

Milton Shapiro, President-Elect  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, NY 10021-5093

Dear Milton:

Mazal tov on your election to the presidency of the Jewish National Fund. You bring many fine qualities of heart and mind to this new responsibility.

I wish you well as you assume the leadership of JNF and I am confident you will lead this fine organization with great devotion.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

JNF

December 14, 1993  
30 Kislev 5754

Ruth Popkin, President  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, NY 10021-5093

Dear Ruth:

You have served JNF and the Jewish community with great devotion and dignity and as your tenure as president of the JNF comes to a close, I write to express heartfelt appreciation for your leadership.

You have been an outstanding representative for JNF and have led this fine organization to new heights during your splendid incumbency. You have good reason to be pleased and proud!

With every good wish and warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander N. Schindler

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September 28, 1993  
13 Tishri 5754

Ms Ruth Popkin  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Ruth:

It was wonderful seeing you Sunday - as it always is.  
I do want to congratulate you though, you are the only  
one who had the grace and dignity to stick to your  
script. The other introducers spoke longer than the  
speakers and what a shame it was.

I suppose this is why I love you.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





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April 26, 1993  
5 Iyar 5753

Moshe Rivlin  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Keren Kayemeth Leisrael  
P.O. Box 283  
Jerusalem, Israel 91002

Dear Moshe:

I was delighted to receive the video cassette of the Presidents Conference visit to the Beit She'an Valley. Unfortunately, I was unable to participate, but I am delighted to have a taste of the occasion by viewing the video.

Your gift is very special and I assure you this particular video will have a place of honor in my cassette library.

I hope all is well with you and your dear ones. Rhea and I look forward to seeing you when we are in Israel in June. Until then, fondest regards from house to house.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL קרן קימת לישראל

Jewish National Fund

Adar 29, 5753  
March 22, 1993

משה ריבלין  
יו"ר הדירקטוריון  
Moshe Rivlin  
Chairman of the Board

To : Members of the Conference of Presidents  
of Major American Jewish Organizations

From: Moshe Rivlin

Recently, on February 25, we were honored to host you in the Beit She'an Valley, where, as guests of the Jewish National Fund, you received a first-hand glimpse of JNF's work, with particular regard to developing regional water facilities.

You saw the Nitzan reservoir near Kibbutz Maoz Haim and we spent some time in the reinforced theater which was built in the throes of the War of Attrition in the Seventies. During our brief time together, construction work forged ahead on other reservoirs, both near and far, at Gesher and Hamadiya and in the Besor riverbed in the northwestern Negev. Additional reservoirs are about to be completed and work on new reservoirs and dams is about to begin. Of course, this extensive undertaking in the field of water development proceeds alongside JNF's ongoing activity in afforestation, land reclamation, drainage, tourism infrastructure and roadbuilding, as well as its extensive work in education.

I take pleasure in sending you a video cassette as a memento of your visit to JNF's works, in the hope that you will find it of interest.

As I write these lines, approximately 1,000 employees including new immigrants and demobilized soldiers, who only a few days go ranked among the unemployed, can be found at JNF work sites around the country. About six months ago, we hired some 500 jobless. This week, we have taken on another 1,000. In the coming weeks, the total number of unemployed earning a livelihood through JNF will grow to 4,000.

In the best JNF tradition, they have been hired at the request of the Minister of Labor and Welfare, Ms. Ora Namir, who asked JNF to help alleviate the country's severe unemployment problem.

The government request posed a serious challenge. Nevertheless, once again, JNF rose to the occasion and will show itself equal to the task.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and all Beit Israel a happy Passover.

Yours truly,  


Moshe Rivlin  
Chairman, Board of Directors

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January 26, 1993  
4 Shevat 5753

Michael J. Thompson  
Lahav Project  
Lambda-Chai/New Orleans  
Gay and Lesbian Jewish Congregation  
1401 St. Andrew #122  
New Orleans, LA 70130

Dear Michael:

I was delighted to receive the copy of your recent letter to Dr. Samuel Cohen of the Jewish National Fund. All of us are pleased that a proper and amicable solution was found and we look forward to the continued greening of Israel by all caring and concerned men and women.

It is my fond hope that you and Vincent will have an opportunity to visit Israel in the not too distant future and to see first hand the Lahav Project work.

With appreciation for your own efforts in this matter and with warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





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27 Tevet 5753  
January, 19, 1993

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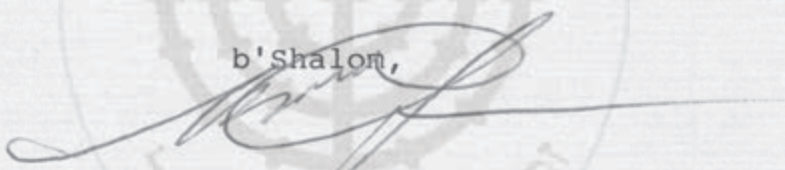
Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Enclosed, you will find a copy of a letter that I have recently sent to Dr. Sam Cohen of the JNF. It concerns an order for trees that my partner and I just placed.

I would like to thank you and the entire UAHC for helping to make this letter possible. I'd also like to add that I can think of no better way to end the Lahav Project than with this letter.

Once again, thank you for everything.

b'Shalom,



Michael J. Thompson  
Lahav Project





LAMBDA-CHAI / NEW ORLEANS  
Gay and Lesbian Jewish Congregation  
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26 Tevet 5753  
January 19, 1993

Dr. Samuel I. Cohen  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York NY 10021

Dear Dr. Cohen,

I know it is unusual for someone to send an order for trees directly to you, but this is no ordinary order. You see, until recently I was one of the JNF's most outspoken critics.

It was I, who in 1990, first conceived, organized and named the Lahav Project. I was the one who was instrumental in the organization of the UAHC efforts on behalf of the Lahav Project and along with my friend Rick Sholl in Boston, the primary tactician for the entire Project.

Now that the plague is up and this issue has been settled, I feel that it is important for me to publicly renew my support of the wonderful work of the JNF.

My partner, Vincent Guccione and I, have decided to plant trees for each other this year. Vincent is the most important person in my life, and I would never entertain the thought of honoring him in a place that would be unfriendly to either of us. It is that sentiment that should speak most highly to you of the regard in which I hold the work of the JNF and my commitment to that work.

I would like to add, the excitement that I see in Vincent's eyes when he talks of visiting the Guccione tree in Israel, is beyond all price for me.

In closing, I'd like to say, I can think of no better way to end the Lahav Project by putting a copy of this letter into my files of the project and sealing it up.

Thank you. I look forward to a new relationship with the JNF for many years.

b'Shalom,

  
Michael S. Thompson

cc; Rabbi Alexander Schindler UAHC  
Rabbi Eric Yoffie UAHC  
Rabbi David Goldstein Touro Synagogue NO  
Paul Barron President Touro Synagogue NO  
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November 4, 1992  
8 Heshvan 5753

TO: Moshe Rivlin

From: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

I was sorry to hear about the sudden illness in your family which prevented your coming to the U.S. May your in-law be granted a refuah shlema.

Fondly.

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# MEMORANDUM

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND / 42 EAST 69 STREET / NEW YORK 10021 / 212 879-9300

DATE - October 27, 1992  
TO - Friends and Colleagues  
FROM - Dr. Samuel I. Cohen  
SUBJECT

*To Rivlin  
Fax via  
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Please be alerted to the fact that Moshe Rivlin, the World Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Keren Kayemeth Leisrael, had to postpone his trip to the United States because of an illness in his family. The reception in his honor, which was to be held on Monday, November 2nd, at 6 P.M. at the Vista Hotel, will be postponed to a later date.

We are sorry if this postponement causes you any inconvenience.

At the same time, we are pleased to report that our National Campaign Leadership Gathering, which will have its opening session on Sunday evening, November 1st, at the Vista Hotel, promises to be an outstanding and well-attended event with the participation of our key lay and professional leadership from throughout the country.

We look forward to seeing and greeting you at the National Campaign Leadership Gathering.

Kindest personal regards.

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*Dear Moshe -  
Sorry to hear about the  
your ~~in-laws~~ sudden  
illness, which prevented  
you coming to the U.S.  
May your in-laws receive  
refuah Shleimah.  
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MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

June 12, 1992

AMERICAN JEWISH  
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From: Edie Miller  
To: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
CC: ✓ Rabbis Daniel B. Syme & Eric Yoffie; Al Vorspan;  
Mel Merians; Philip Meltzer

Phil Meltzer and I were at the JNF Administrative Committee meeting yesterday and were delighted to hear Sam Cohen's report on the matter of the grove planted by the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations some years ago. A solution has been reached which has met with the approval of Barrett Brick of the World Congress, as well as JNF here and in Israel.

A marker bearing the date and the name of the World Congress will be placed at the grove. Everyone agrees it is best to wait to do this until after the Israel elections. All concerned also agree that there is to be no press and/or public statements for additional publicity would be counter-productive both here and in Israel.

The Board of the World Congress meets in Atlanta in July and the marker will probably be set in place at Lahav after that meeting.

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June 12, 1992

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March 4, 1992  
29 Adar I 5752

Dr. Samuel I. Cohen  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Sam:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the gay and lesbian issue. Needless to say, I am glad that you will continue to have conversations with Barrett Brick in hope of arriving at some mutually agreeably compromise.

Nonetheless, I must tell you that I am most firmly in sympathy with his point of view. You wonder whether any major universities and hospitals and like facilities in Israel have such markers? They do in America, of course, and I for one would not be at all embarrassed, nay, I would be proud to have such a marker on our buildings. Moreover, a donor has every right to be identified by his proper designation, that is to say, by the name by which he calls himself.

But of course you ask whether other institutions in Israel are ready to do this sort of thing. Well, wouldn't it be wonderful if the Jewish National Fund were to be a progressive force in this sphere. L'maan hashem, gay and lesbian Jews are not people from another planet, they are not foreign creatures! They are our own, flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone, they are our brothers and sisters, our sons and our daughters and they do not deserve to be excluded. We have no right to make them invisible.

What I am really saying to you is that whatever

Dr. Samuel I. Cohen

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March 4, 1992

compromise is acceptable to Barrett Brick and his companions will be acceptable to me, but if it is not acceptable to them, you will find me in their camp. In this instance I speak not only for myself personally, but for the entire Reform movement.

With warmest good wishes and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Moshe Rivlin  
Ruth Popkin  
Stuart Paskow - JNF  
Rabbi Eric Yoffie  
Barrett Brick  
Rabbi Yoel H. Kahn  
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(WORLD conf. of Gay + LESBIAN ORG.)  
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# JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

(KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL) INC.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT  
DR. SAMUEL I. COHEN

42 EAST 69TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021  
PHONE: (212) 879-9300

March 3, 1992

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cc: ERK Y*

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

Dear R'Alex:

I hope that all is well with you and that you're in good health.

I'm sure that Edie Miller told you about our conversations a few weeks ago about the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, and our recent communications with Barrett Brick.

Last week, while in Israel for the Presidents' Conference mission, I had the occasion again to review the problem and its ramifications. We studied the resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations about the Lahav project and, frankly, are very disappointed that this resolution was passed. We're taking a bum rap, which we don't deserve, because the problems of an identification marker with the name, "Conference of Gays and Lesbian Jewish Organizations" goes far beyond the Jewish National Fund. We wonder whether any of the major universities, hospitals or other such facilities in Israel are prepared at this time to have such markers put up. Even some of the people who seem supportive of the idea, with respect to the JNF, when asked if their own institutions would do this said, "absolutely not." Frankly, we're not sure of the meaning or impact of the resolution, if any. As a matter of fact, we received a total of four letters from rabbis protesting our position.

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We want you to know that we, nevertheless, continue to have discussions with Barrett Brick, and will most likely be meeting with him before the July conference of his organization. We would like you to know, also, that we will continue to have dialogue with him in a serious effort to find some sort of accommodating compromise that we can all live with, and we would very much appreciate your conveying this to your colleagues.

We're committed to finding an appropriate resolution to the problem. You know, of course, that our colleagues in Israel have asked us to come up with a solution that would be acceptable to all of the parties.

With warmest good wishes, and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Samuel I. Cohen".

Dr. Samuel I. Cohen

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c.c. Moshe Rivlin  
Ruth Popkin  
Stuart Paskow



# Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

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Member, Union Of American Hebrew Congregations



Rabbi Yoel H. Kahn

220 Danvers at Caselli

San Francisco, California 94114

(415) 861-6932

January 16, 1992  
11 Shevat 5752

Rabbi David Warshaw, Director  
National Rabbinic Advisory Council  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Warshaw:

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is a reform synagogue with a special outreach to gay and lesbian Jews, their families, friends, and community. We are also a founding member of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations. I am sure that you are familiar with the JNF's refusal to honor its original agreement with the World Congress to place a plaque at the grove of 9,000 trees planted at Lahav by the World Congress some years ago. Until the JNF honors this commitment, we cannot in good faith participate in JNF activities.

I would appreciate hearing from you that the JNF has agreed to honor its original commitment and we will then be glad to renew our participation in JNF programs.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Yoel H. Kahn

YHK/jcc

RABBI DAVID S. GOLDSTEIN  
TOURO SYNAGOGUE  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70175

*Rab* January 17, 1992

Rabbi Joseph Sternstein  
President, Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, New York 10021

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Dear Joe.

The enclosed is self explanatory. I am proud of my Congregation's support of JNF throughout the years, and I am additionally proud of our support of the UAHC Resolution on the Lahav Project. I come to you in the hopes that you will use your influence rectify the unfortunate situation referred to in the Lahav Resolution, and that my Congregation can enthusiastically continue as supporters of JNF projects.

With every warm personal good wish.

Sincerely,

*David*

David S. Goldstein

P.O. Box 15186  
New Orleans, LA 70175

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December 20, 1991

Rabbi David Warshaw, Director  
National Rabbinic Advisory Council  
Jewish National Fund  
42 E. 69 Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Warshaw:

It has been recently brought to my attention through a resolution which has been adopted by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations that a woodland of 3000 trees has been planted by the National Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews. It is my understanding that to date this woodland has not been properly acknowledged. I feel that this is an injustice and this problem should be remedied immediately.

The holiday of Tu'B'Shvat is approaching quickly and in the spirit of renewal, I am sure that the Jewish National Fund would want to positively respond to this resolution.

Shalom u'vracha,

  
Eric Milgrim  
Rabbi

EM:lpf

cc: Rabbi Daniel Freeland  
Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Rabbi Eric Yoffie  
Rabbi Philip Schechter  
Rabbi Elizabeth Rolle





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Rabbi Philip E. Schechter

December 19, 1991

Rabbi David Warshaw, Director  
National Rabbinic Advisory Council  
Jewish National Fund  
42 E. 69 Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Warshaw:

Perhaps you will remember my writing to you in August regarding the enclosed resolution, which has since been passed by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in November.

Tu B'Shvat is approaching and our large pre school and Hebrew school have always supported the JNF. However, this year we are not planning a drive. We feel badly about this because we want to support Israel and the JNF. There needs to be a response from JNF on this matter. May we hear from you?

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Philip E. Schechter  
PES:mb  
enclosure

cc: Rabbi Daniel Freeland  
Rabbi Joseph Glaser  
Rabbi David Goldstein  
Rabbi Walter Jacob  
Rabbi Yoel Kahn  
Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Rabbi Eric Yoffie





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

January 17, 1992  
12 Shevat 5752

Dr. Samuel I. Cohen  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, NY 100231

Dear Sam:

Your letter of January 15th has just reached the office. I write to advise you that Alex is still traveling and not due back until the end of this month. I do know that he and Moshe Rivlin were trying to connect when Alex was out in Los Angeles, but I don't really know if they ever had an opportunity to speak.

I know Alex will be grateful for the information you shared in regard to Ron Frank of SET Productions. I don't believe that there is any possibility of a UAHC documentary film, inasmuch as we have just completed a major film undertaking to tell the story of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Much of the footage was filmed during our Biennial Convention in Baltimore and we expect to have a screening for our Executive Committee meeting early in February. If Ron Frank's name comes up in connection with any other film project here at the Union, we will certainly keep in mind your fine recommendation of this young man.

On a personal level, Sam, I am very pleased to be representing ARZA on the JNF Administrative Committee. I had been looking forward to attending my first meeting when the flu put me down. I do hope to be at the meeting on January 20, albeit I will have to leave a bit early for a previous engagement. It will be nice to see you again, it has been far too long.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller  
Assistant to the President

# JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

(KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL) INC.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT  
DR. SAMUEL I. COHEN

42 EAST 69TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021  
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January 15, 1992

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

Dear R'Alex:

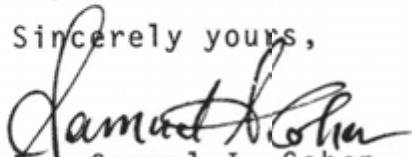
I hope that all is well with you and that you're in good health and in good spirits.

You know, of course, that our friend, Moshe Rivlin, is here until February 4th. I know that he tried reaching you.

I am writing to you in behalf of Ron Frank of SET Productions, a young man who has been doing our videos for several years now. He's terrific. Ron and his colleagues have put together a series of very attractive videos that now appear on television programs throughout the United States and have been extremely valuable in awakening people's interest in the JNF. From what I understand, he's now working on a proposal for a documentary film that he hopes will be done in connection with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I know nothing whatsoever of your needs or interests along these lines. All that I can tell you is that if you are in the market for an outstanding filmmaker, selecting Ron Frank would be a wise and beneficial choice.

With warmest regards and very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Samuel I. Cohen

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PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021-7064 (212)249-0100

December 18, 1991  
11 Tevet 5752

Mr. Moshe Rivlin  
President  
Keren Kayemeth Leisrael  
Keren kayemeth Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Moshe:

Unfortunately, I couldn't come to Israel. We had a Biennial convention scheduled for the last weekend in October and the preparations for it pre-empted my time and energies. It was a successful convention, over 4000 people were in attendance, men and women, young and old the spirit was superb.

Be that as it may, this convention kept me from being in Israel and kept me - to my greatest regret - from seeing and being with you.

As a matter of fact, it is because of the convention that I now turn to you. One of the resolutions which was adopted by our assembled delegates is addressed to the Jewish National Fund and I enclose it herewith.

The moderate language of the resolution, amended in deference to the Union's long standing relation with the JNF, should not be misunderstood as reflecting anything less than the total support of the 4000 delegates from across the North American continent who were present and voting.

In conveying this resolution to you, I also request a formal response so that I can share it with our leadership.

Mr. Moshe Rivlin

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December 18, 1991

I do expect to be in Israel, God willing, in February and hopefully we can have our customary shmooze then. I hope that the passing months are treating you well, and of course Rhea joins me in sending you our ~~our~~ good wishes.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Dr. Samuel Cohen  
Mr. Melvin Merians  
Rabbi Daniel B. Syme



ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS  
October 31 - November 4, 1991  
Baltimore

### LAHAV PROJECT

#### BACKGROUND

In 1977 and 1987 the UAHC resolved to support and defend the civil and human rights of gay men and lesbians and in recent years has reaffirmed in even stronger terms the dignity and authenticity of the contribution of gay and lesbian Jews. Gay and lesbian Jews have helped to enrich Judaism throughout the ages and have fought for and given their lives for the establishment of Medinat Yisrael.

In 1979 the International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews planted a grove of 3000 trees in Lahav, Israel, as a living memorial to the lasting contributions of countless gay and lesbian Jews to the people and the State of Israel. However, the Jewish National Fund has refused to permit the placing of a fitting memorial plaque directly naming the grove donor - The International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews - at the site of the grove.

THEREFORE, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations resolves to urge the Jewish National Fund to:

1. Place a plaque at the site of the grove bearing the inscription:

"The 4th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews"

And, 2. Forward to the Conference's successor, the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, the certificate with the wording:

"A woodland of 3000 trees planted by: the International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews honoring the countless homosexual men and women in the Golan and in Israel who gave of themselves to build and defend the land of Israel and who are struggling to bring Security, Torah, Ahavat Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael to Jews everywhere.

Dedicated July 22, 1979  
at Lahav Israel."



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PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021-7064 (212)249-0100

December 30, 1991  
23 Tevet 5752

Mr. Moshe Rivlin  
Chairman  
Keren Kayemeth Leisrael  
Keren Kayemeth Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Moshe:

I understand that you will be honored by local J.N.F. on January 20th, God willing. Unfortunately, I will not be there to honor you. As you can well imagine, were I in town, I would be on hand.

We will see each other in Israel, God willing.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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**Jewish National Fund**  
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*World Chairman, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael*

**Monday, January 20, 1992**  
**15 Shevat, 5752**

**12:00 Noon**

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**42 East 69th Street**  
**New York, NY**

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December 27, 1990  
10 Tevet 5751

Zevi Kahanov  
National Projects Coordinator  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Zevi:

The wonderful photograph album is a very special remembrance of a marvelous day in the life of the Schindler family. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in putting such a lovely presentation together as a memento of a beautiful occasion.

Most especially do I thank you for manner in which you handled the arrangements for the dedication. Everything was done with care and concern; it was a memorable day for the entire family. Thank you for all your efforts.

With appreciation and every good wish for the coming New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc; Dr. Samuel I. Cohen



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ZEVI (ZE'EV) KAHANOV  
NATIONAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR

December 10, 1990

Rabbi & Mrs. Alexander Schindler  
515 East 72nd Street  
New York, NY 10021

Shalom Rabbi & Mrs. Schindler,

I am delighted to enclose an album of pictures taken at the dedication ceremony of the Schindler Forest at Shefer.

This was a particularly gratifying occasion for all of us at the Jewish National Fund, as well as for our Keren Kayemeth colleagues in Israel. It is only fitting that your dedication and leadership should find such a living and growing expression in Israel.

I hope that you and your family will look at these photographs and remember the dedication with pleasure.

Wishing you a happy Chanukah,

Zevi Kahanov  
National Projects Coordinator

ZK/je

cc: Dr. Samuel I. Cohen



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May 9, 1990  
14 Iyar 5750

Mr. Moshe Rivlin, Chairman  
Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael  
1 Keren Kayemeth Street  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Moshe:

You and Sam Cohen have been exceedingly supportive of our efforts to create playgrounds for the youngsters of our communities at Har Halutz and Kibbutz Yahel. You have been a great source of strength and support.

I could not permit your assistance to go un-noticed, and write that you may know all of us of the Reform movement are deeply appreciative of your strong support. I thank you on behalf of the UAHC and, of course, personally as well.

I hope all is well with you and look forward to seeing you when I am in Israel in June. Until we meet, warmest regards and every good wish.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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May 9, 1990  
14 Iyar 5750

Dr. Samuel Cohen,  
Executive Vice President  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Sam:

It is truly heartening to know of your wonderful efforts in support of assistance to our communities at Kibbutz Yahel and Har Halutz through the JNF. All of us of the Union owe you a debt of gratitude for the hand of friendship you have extended.

The playgrounds at these two communities are critical to the well-being of the residents and their children and while they are a departure from the planting of trees, they are part of the planting of roots for our people in Israel.

With gratitude and warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

*Handwritten: Alex, see P. 2, Smith will prepare D.*

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May 4, 1990

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

Re: Estate of Mortimer Salzman

Dear Dan:

I am writing in reply to your letter of April 24, 1990 to the Executors of the Estate of Mortimer Salzman. I am pleased to advise you that the Executors have approved a contribution of \$50,000 from the Salzman estate in order to allow the UAHC to renovate and refurbish the cabins used for adult Jewish study and training at the Kutz Camp in Warwick, New York. The contribution is made on the following conditions:

1. The cabins will be used as a facility for adult Jewish study and training.
2. The twelve cabin site will be named "The Salzman Village for Adult Jewish Studies" and an appropriate plaque, satisfactory to the Executors, will be placed at the site.
3. If at any time the facility is no longer used for the contemplated purposes or is sold, alternate memorialization in a manner satisfactory to the Executors will be provided at some other UAHC facility.

I would appreciate if, in due course, the Executors

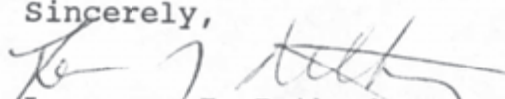


Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
May 4, 1990  
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✓ were provided with an appropriate Board resolution accepting  
the foregoing conditions.

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Sincerely,

  
Lawrence J. Rothenberg



# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Date May 8, 1990

Copies  
Subject

Alex,

Five pieces of Good news:

## J.N.F. RELATED

1. On May 2nd, Kibbutz Yahel dedicated a new playground, built with funds solicited by J.N.F. from a major donor we don't know. They did the work as a gesture of good will.
2. On May 2nd in Indianapolis, \$50,000 from the dinner in Indianapolis in honor of Jeff Smulyan, (44 years old, member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, owner of Seattle Mariners) was designated to build a playground at Har Halutz. Construction will begin as soon as the funds are transferred to Israel.

Assuming that Roland Gittelsohn and David Polish agree, the proceeds from their events will also be recognized in this project.

## FOLLOW-UP

Please send letters to Moshe Rivlin and Sam Cohen, thanking them for their support of these efforts.

3. On May 3rd, Larry Rothenberg informed me officially of a \$50,000 gift to the UAHC to refurbish the Torah Corps cabins for adult programming. The funds will be in hand before July 1st, with 15% going to "F.R.J.-Special Grants."

## FOLLOW-UP

Please drop Larry a note of thanks, both on this and for spearheading and chairing the Peter Yarrow dinner. The New Leadership program really turned him. He's bright, a doer, generous, and anxious to serve on the Board.

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4. Rivlin has given his blessing to an international Movement project through J.N.F. to benefit our settlements. This will not be limited to trees, but may be targetted for roads and infrastructures, so long as it falls within J.N.F. guidelines. The Vorspan Forest will continue, but this will enable us to help the settlements through a central Keren Kayamet fund from every progressive Jewish community. Again, they are the fund raisers, we the recipients. All we have to do is give it our blessing. Once the initial project is specified, ARZA and the World Union can publicize.

No follow-up required at this point. It will be a real morale boost for our kids in Israel.

5. Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream has "adopted" a Lotan cow through the "Moo-tual Fund". It's small dollars (\$750.00) but a point of entry into their corporate giving program. I will fly up to Burlington this summer with Dave Camner to meet them, thank them, and see what domestic UAHC efforts they might support.

No follow-up required at this time.

6. Leonard Kleinman, Executive Vice-President of the New York Yankees and George Steinbrenner's right hand man, is a member of our congregation in Tampa. He and his fiancée, Susan are being married by Richard Birnholz in August, after which they will relocate to Ardsley. He is a gentle, good guy, who cares about Judaism. He'd like to have dinner with us and have us to a game whenever we'd like. I will pursue again, the potential for corporate giving is there. Youth suicide may be one possibility, NFTY programs another. He loves kids.
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April 3, 1989  
27 Adar 5749

Rabbi Sanford Ragins  
Leo Baeck Temple  
1300 North Sepulveda Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Dear Sandy:

Thank you for your caution in regard to mailings which result from the projects now being undertaken by the UAHC and ARZA in cooperation with the JNF. In most of these programs the brochures are printed by the JNF and since they fund no projects beyond the Green Line they do not show same on their maps.

Be assured your message is being taken to heart and, as a matter of fact, we have already made contact with the JNF to share your sentiments and to underscore our own desire that they use maps showing the Green Line for all projects in which we are involved.

It was good of you to take the time to write. We are all grateful to you.

With fond regards from house to house and best wishes for a sweet and happy Pesach, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbis Charles Kroloff, Daniel Syme & Eric Yoffie  
Albert Vorspan

*W. B. B.*

March 24, 1989

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

Dear Alex:

The most recent mailing from the Union brought me a large packet of fascinating materials of great interest. But included in that mailing was one that disturbed me considerably. There is a lovely folder with beautiful graphics dedicated to projects of the Reform Movement in Israel which have been launched in cooperation between the UAHC, ARZA and the Jewish National Fund. The projects, one of which is named after you, all are most worthy and certainly deserve our support.

What troubles me deeply is the fact that the map which is prominently displayed in this folder contains no reference whatsoever to the "green line," and by implication, shows the occupied territories and Gaza as if they were an integral part of the land of Israel. I can understand when maps such as this appear under the auspices of Mr. Shamir and his political associates. I think it is unseemly, to say the least, for our Movement to use such graphics. When we do so we demonstrate a tacit acceptance of the political program of a retrograde political program that many of us believe is dangerous to the peace and security of the State of Israel.

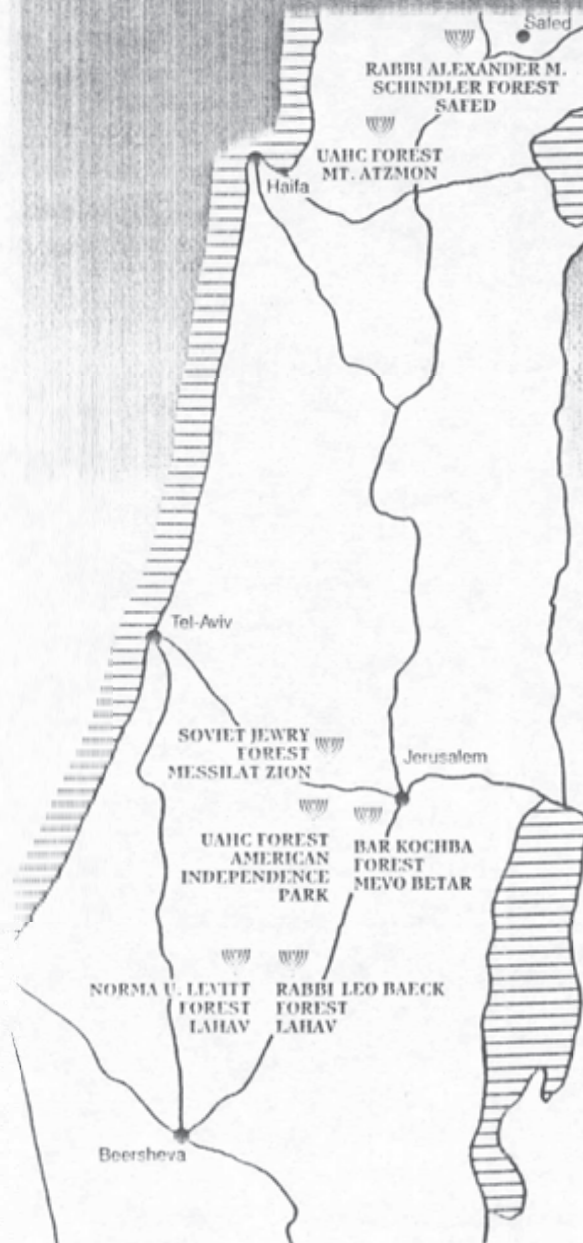
With every good wish,

*Sanford*

cc: Rabbi Daniel Syme  
Al Vorspan  
Rabbi Charles Kroloff  
Rabbi Eric Yoffie



# PROJECTS OF THE REFORM MOVEMENT

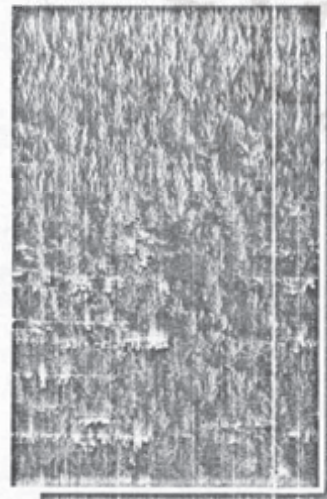
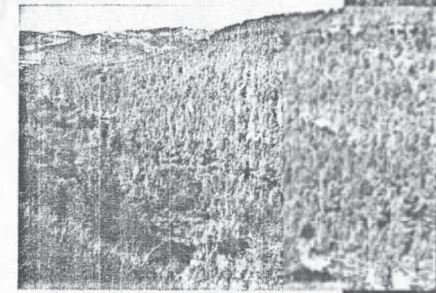
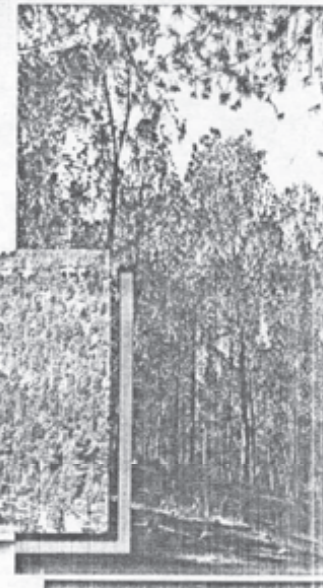


**T**he JNF and the Reform Movement: a partnership born of a shared commitment to the redemption of the Land of Israel. This fruitful relationship has resulted in seven significant forests that are part of JNF's "blanket of green." Members of the Reform Movement have contributed generously to create these havens of peace and natural beauty which breathe new life into the environment and enhance the lives of Israelis throughout the Jewish homeland.

Reform Movement leaders and members are proud of their JNF projects which have enriched the Land of Israel. And they anticipate eagerly the results of a new, higher level of cooperation between JNF and their Movement: a development which promises a further abundance of blessings for Israel's land and people.

## Reform Movement—JNF Forests in Israel

- UAHC Forest—Mt. Atzmon (1961)
- Bar Kochba Forest—Mevo Betar (1968)
- Soviet Jewry Forest—Messilat Zion (1974)
- UAHC Forest—American Independence Park (1974)
- Rabbi Leo Baeck Forest—Lahav (1980)
- Norma U. Levitt Forest—Lahav (1985)
- Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Forest—Safed (1985)



  
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# MEMORANDUM

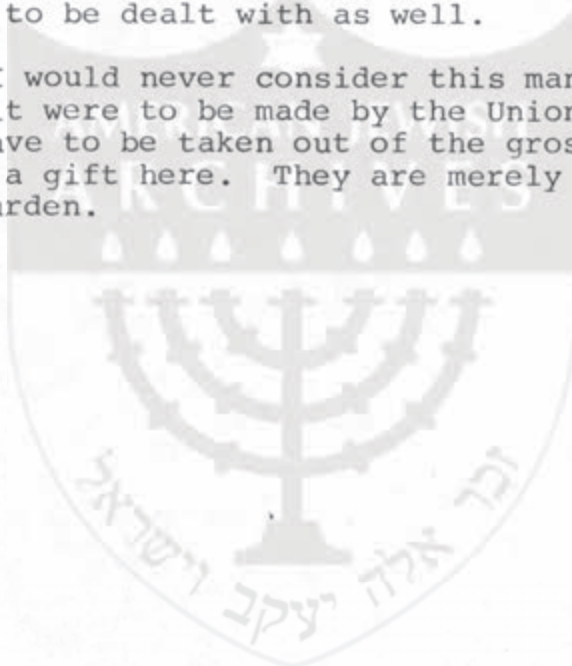
From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
To Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
Copies Mr. Melvin Merians, Mr. Robert Koppel  
Subject

BLUE  
Date November 15, 1955  
6 Kislev 5

Regarding the JNF request, as I told you, while I have no objection in principle to having JNF monies channeled through the UAHC, this process would place an extraordinary burden on the UAHC -- administratively as well as financially. Literally hundreds of checks would have to be processed, orders transmitted, and then completely handled. My judgment is that it would probably take a full-time person to handle all of this, nevermind the complaints which would have to be dealt with as well.

In other words, I would never consider this manner of handling unless some profit were to be made by the Union, and a substantial sum would have to be taken out of the gross receipts. JNF is not giving us a gift here. They are merely trying to get rid of an enormous burden.

Thank you.





# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Daniel B. Syme  
To Mr. Melvin Merians, Mr. Robert Koppel  
Copies Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Subject

Date 11/3/88

The Jewish National Fund has asked that we consider having all J.N.F. funds from our congregations come directly to the UAHC rather than its local and national office.

The procedure would be as follows:

1. The check arrives here.
2. The tree order is sent to J.N.F.
3. We deposit the money and have the cash flow and/or interest.
4. We issue a single quarterly check to J.N.F.

Obviously, J.N.F. will save a great deal of staff accounting time. The questions are:

1. Is this something we wish to do?
2. Does it make sense cost wise for us to assume the staff burden, given the cost flow advantage and interest income?

I'd appreciate your counsel.

Love,

DBS:bjp



gmk

March 17, 1988  
28 Adar 5748

Mrs. Lilyan S. Male  
Grantham B-132  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

Dear Lilyan:

Edie has told me of your most gracious gift to the Schindler Forest in my honor and in memory of Myron. I was deeply touched by your thoughtfulness and honored by your gift. Many, many thanks.

I hope things are going well with you. Our family is well and thriving -- thank God. Can you believe the twins will graduate college this year, Josh gets his law degree and a few weeks hence Debbie will make Rhea and me Grandparents! I find it all mind boggling. I simply don't know where the time has gone and how it went so quickly.

Again heart felt appreciation for your beautiful tribute.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

3/12/88

Dear Edie

What a magnificent  
tribute to a wonderful  
man!

I can think of no  
other person during my  
lifetime who has given  
so much of himself in  
behalf of the Jewish people  
all over the world.

The enclosed is but a  
token in behalf of myself  
and in memory of my dear  
husband who also revered  
Rabbi Schindler -  
All the best - Lilian



March 17, 1988  
28 Adar 5748

Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, NY 10021

ATTN: Schindler Forest

Dear Friends:

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$50.00 from Mrs. Lilyan S. Male, Grantham B-132, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442. She has requested that trees be planted in the Schindler Forest in memory of her late husband, Dr. Myron Male, and in tribute to Rabbi Schindler. Since she sent the check to me, Rabbi Schindler already knows of this gift and will acknowledge it directly.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Edith Miller  
*Assistant to the President*



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March 11, 1988  
22 Adar 5748

Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Triebwasser  
85 Manor Road  
Red Hook, NY 12571

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Triebwasser:

I have just learned of your gracious contribution to plant trees in the forest in my name in Israel. This was a very lovely tribute from you on the occasion of Tu B'Shevat in honor of Thomas Charles and Alison Elizabeth.

I write to express my heart felt appreciation.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# MEMORANDUM

From Barbara J. Golding, Sec'y to Rabbi Zlotowitz

Date 3/10/88

To Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, New York 10021

I am enclosing a check from Ellen & Jonah Triebwasser in the amount of \$10.00 representing a donation toward the planting of two trees in the Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Forest. Also attached is a form from the donors with additional information on it.

This was apparently sent to the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues inadvertently and so I am forwarding the material to you.

*Barbara J. Golding*



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



In B'Shevat (Arbor Day)

Trees. Yes, the holiday for the planting of trees will be celebrated on the 15th of Shevat. In past years we have helped plant trees in Israel by contributing money to the Jewish National Fund (JNF). The money was sent to memorialize the name and memory of a departed family member or friend. It was sent to honor a Bar Mitzvah, wedding or anniversary. We plan to do that again this year... But we would like you to know that the JNF has established youth camps and built roads in order to link the JNF developments.

You can help keep Israel green, be a part of Klal Yisrael and celebrate or memorialize an event in your family's history by filling in the enclosed form and either returning it to the school with your child or mailing in to the Temple.

Please note that checks are to be made payable to UAHC-JNF project.

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Leonard Zimet

Enclosed please find \$ 10.00 for the planting of 2 trees at \$5.00 each in the Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Forest.

In Honor of: Thomas Charles Triebwasser  
                  Alison Elizabeth Triebwasser

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Planted by: Ellen + Jonah Triebwasser

Address: 85 Manor Rd Red Hook NY 12571

Please send engraved certificate in color to:

Name: Thomas Triebwasser | Alison Triebwasser

Address: 85 Manor Rd | 85 Manor Rd  
Red Hook NY 12571 | Red Hook NY 12571

Congregation and Affiliate to be credited:

Temple Emanuel  
243 Albany Avenue  
Kingston, NY 12401



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March 11, 1988  
22 Adar 5748

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Shneyer  
262-36 60th Avenue  
Little Neck, NY 11362

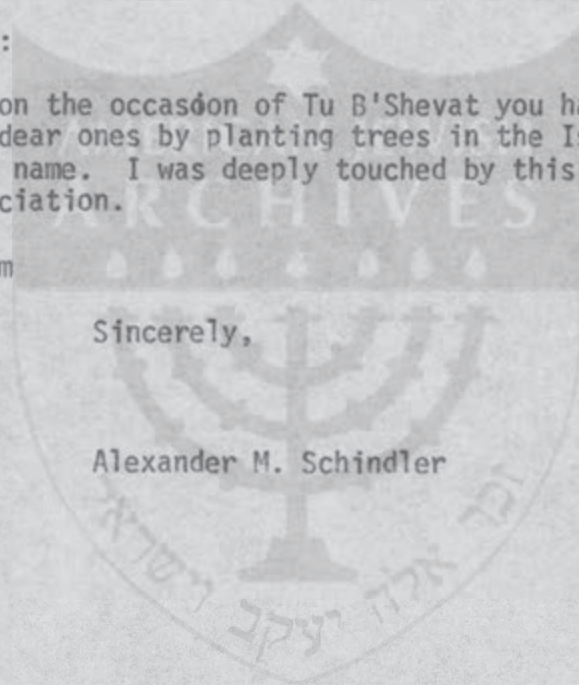
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Shneyer:

I have just learned that on the occasion of Tu B'Shevat you have paid tribute to the memory of dear ones by planting trees in the Israel JNF Forest which bears my name. I was deeply touched by this and write to express my appreciation.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





SEYMOUR SHNEYER  
JEAN SHNEYER  
262-36 - 60TH AVENUE  
LITTLE NECK, NY 11362

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March 11, 1988  
22 Adar 5748

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Novin  
194 Harding Drive  
New Rochelle, NY 10801

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Novin:

I have just learned that on the occasion of Tu B'Shevat you have paid tribute to the memory of Mr. Lazarus Yudin by planting a tree in the Israel JNF Forest which bears my name. I was deeply touched by this and write to express my appreciation.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

TO PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL

IN MEMORY OF

LAZARUS YUDIN

PLANTED BY

SHIRLEY AND JACK

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A SEND CERTIFICATE TO

MR AND MRS JACK YUDIN #307  
3250 N. PALM AIRE DRIVE  
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA 33069

CONGREGATION TO BE CREDITED

TEMPLE ISRAEL / NEW ROCHELLE, NY

THANK YOU ✓

JACK W. NOVIN  
194 HARDING DRIVE  
NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. 10801

RAbbi Alexander M. Schindler

July 21, 1987  
24 Tammuz 5747

Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

JNF  
We asked ~~come~~en to substantiate what he had told me in writing,  
so that we could put pressure on JNF in Israel in behalf of our  
settlements.





# JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

(KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL) INC.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT  
DR. SAMUEL I. COHEN

42 EAST 69TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021  
PHONE: (212) 879-9300

cc to side Hirsch  
to CGR.  
RGA.

July 15, 1987

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

As I mentioned to you when we met at the airport a few weeks back, just before the WZO Actions Committee and Jewish Agency General Assembly meetings in Israel, all of us have reason to be very pleased and very proud of the responses to the Reform Movement's campaign to establish the Rabbi Alexander Schindler Forest at Sefad. To date, approximately \$500,000 has been realized for this forest, making it the most successful drive for a forest in the history of the Jewish National Fund. Generally, when there is an organizational or community campaign to raise funds to establish a forest, the responses are anywhere from \$50,000 to \$150,000.

There's no question but that your personal prestige and popularity, and wholehearted identification with the project, guaranteed its success.

We're delighted that the Jewish National Fund played a role in this wonderful, everlasting tribute to you and your leadership; and we're also extremely gratified at this demonstration of accelerated support for the JNF on the part of the Reform Movement.

Moshe Rivlin, Dr. Sternstein, and Charlotte Jacobson, join me in extending to you and to Mrs. Schindler, to the leadership of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and to your professional staff, our congratulations, our warm greetings, and our deep appreciation.

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With warmest personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Samuel I. Cohen  
Executive Vice President

cc: Moshe Rivlin  
Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein  
Charlotte Jacobson



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January 13, 1988  
23 Tevet 5748

Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein  
President  
and  
Dr. Samuel I. Cohen  
Executive Vice President  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Joe and Sam:

It was flattering to receive your gracious letter of December 30 -- which arrived but a day or two ago! So much for the U.S. Postal Service!

I will be delighted to serve as an Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund. Thank you for this meaningful tribute.

It is my fond hope the ties between the UAHC and its member-congregations and the JNF will be strengthened and enhanced.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





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Ruth Jacobson

TIMNA VALLEY PARK  
Avrum M. Chudnow

December 30, 1987

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York City 10021


Dear Rabbi Schindler:

We are pleased to inform you that you have been officially elected to serve as an Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund of America at our Biennial Meeting held on Thursday, December 17th, 1987, for 1987-1989. Please accept our warmest wishes and expressions of congratulations.


You are among the leaders of an organization in the midst of tremendous strides in fund-raising activities on behalf of the afforestation and reclamation of Israel's land. Consider the following: JNF has more than tripled its income over the past ten years; holds fund-raising dinners all over the country, featuring honorees who are considered elite members of the business, political and entertainment communities; employs sophisticated media campaigns to gain increasing support from all sectors of American society, and is gaining interest among up-and-coming young business and professional leaders in major U.S. cities. Our efforts ultimately benefit a wide variety of life-sustaining work on behalf of the Jewish homeland, now thriving with forests, urban greenbelts, parks, agricultural communities and industrial areas.

This impressive record only inspires us to further accomplishments in meeting the challenges that lie ahead. In anticipating the future, we look forward to the commitment and enthusiasm which you will undoubtedly bring to our historic Zionist work. We urge you to be active, to attend meetings regularly, and thereby help strengthen our work in behalf of Israel.


With kindest personal wishes, we are

  
Dr. Samuel I. Cohen  
Executive Vice President

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein  
President

per your request deddie will seek to set meeting  
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cause delay

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to attend because of heavy travel...if it becomes  
necessary for you to participate we'll work it out  
but to avoid delay set with steve s and deddie

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April 3, 1986  
23 Adar II 5746

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

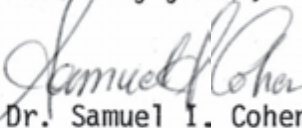
Dear Alex:

I just want to follow up on your letter of March 24th,  
to Dr. Sternstein.

By all means, let's arrange for a meeting soon.  
Dr. Sternstein, Mort Rubin and I would be delighted to meet  
with you to discuss the project and the fund raising campaign  
suggested by the people at Har Chalutz. We will call you  
within the next few days to see when a date can be arranged.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Samuel I. Cohen

SIC:dd

c.c. Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein  
Mort Rubin



JNF  
Edith J. Miller, Assistant to the President

March 31, 1986  
20 Adar II 5746

Bobbie Hemmerich, Office Manager, Temple Beth Am

Jewish National Fund (42 East 69th St., New York, NY 10021)

TREE PLANTING/RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER FOREST

Please note that all monies for trees to be planted in Israel are to be sent directly to the Jewish National Fund, as noted above. I am forwarding your letter of March 25th and the checks and forms which were enclosed directly to the JNF. We do not have a UAHC person here at the UAHC House of Living Judaism handling these contributions, they are all to be sent right to the JNF for handling.

Warm good wishes.



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December 27, 1985  
15 Tevet 5746

Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein  
President  
and  
Dr. Samuel I. Cohen  
Executive Vice President  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10021

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Dear Joe and Sam:

It pleased me to learn that I have been elected as an Honorary Chairman of the Jewish National Fund Board of Directors for 1985-87. I am very happy to accept.

The work of the JNF is impressive and important for the State of Israel. I hope that it will be possible for me to attend Board meetings but I do want to clarify the fact that my travel schedule is extremely heavy and I will not always be available for meetings. Please do not misconstrue my absence as disinterest on my part, I assure you it will be caused by time constraints and extensive travel on my part.

With appreciation and warm reggds to you both, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





(KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL) INC.

*Appreciate  
opportunity + glad  
to accept it -  
explore about  
time constraints*

December 24, 1985

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Ave.  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex,


We are pleased to inform you that you have been officially elected to serve as an Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund of America for 1985-1987, at our biennial meeting held on Thursday, December 12, 1985. Please accept our warmest wishes and expressions of congratulation.

On December 29th, the Jewish National Fund will be celebrating its 84th birthday. Founded in 1901, at the Fifth Zionist Congress, the Jewish National Fund has served the Jewish people with great success over the years. Our accomplishments are to be seen throughout the length and breadth of modern day Israel. Visit any kibbutz, moshav, farm, settlement, industrial park, educational or cultural facility, indeed, virtually every municipality, and you will learn that at one time or another the area benefitted from the tractors and bulldozers and workers of the Keren Kayemeth Leisrael.

We take great pride in the historic Zionist achievements of the JNF, and we urge you to take an active interest in our work. We invite you to attend our meetings regularly, to join in our deliberations, and to help strengthen our continuing work in the afforestation and reclamation of land for the State of Israel.

With kindest personal wishes, we are

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Samuel I. Cohen  
Executive Vice President

  
Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein  
President



JNF

November 19, 1985

Dr. Samuel I. Cohen,  
Executive Vice President  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Sam:

Thank you very much for your letter summarizing the results of our religious community's effort in behalf of the Jewish National Fund. It certainly is nothing to be ashamed of, quite the contrary, we're all of us exceedingly pleased and proud. And, of course, we will do everything we humanly can to increase that contribution.

On another related matter, you ought to know that we are taking a leadership mission to Israel, come next May and, of course, we will be swinging by Haifa and Safed. I wonder whether it might be possible to schedule a dedication of our forest at that time. It might be a nice ceremony and will impress our leadership with the importance of JNF. I imagine that we'll have only about two or three bus loads but the quality is exceedingly high. The foremost leaders of our national constituency will be involved.

If you're at all agreeable to this idea, please be in touch with Rabbi Daniel Syme, the Union's Vice-President who will be planning our Board Mission.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Daniel Syme  
Mr. Moshe Rivlin  
Ms. Charlotte Jacobson  
Mr. L. Kenneth Rosett

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November 6, 1985

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

Dear Alex:

From time to time, we take inventory of the amounts raised for JNF projects by various constituent and related agencies and organizations. In connection with some discussions that we had with Ken Rosett this summer, we initiated a review of the amounts recorded as having been raised for the Jewish National Fund by the Reform Movement. The results are fascinating and I'm sure that you will be very pleased with the following data:

| <u>Name of Project</u>                 | <u>Location</u>                   | <u>Am't Raised</u>         | <u>Dates</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| UAHC Forest                            | Mt. Atzon, Shefer                 | \$ 65,472                  | 1953-1961    |
| Bar Kochba Forest                      | Mevo Betar                        | 253,125                    | 1962-1968    |
| UAHC-Soviet Jewry<br>Forest            | Messilat Zion<br>(Near Jerusalem) | 100,000                    | 1969-1974    |
| UAHC Forest at the<br>Amer. Ind. Park  | (Near Jerusalem)                  | 100,000                    | 1969-1974    |
| Rabbi Leon Baeck Forest                | Lahav                             | 79,500                     | 1975-1980    |
| Norma U. Levitt Forest                 | Lahav                             | 77,463                     | 1980-1985    |
| Rabbi Alexander M.<br>Schindler Forest | Safed                             | <u>286,606</u>             | 1983-1985    |
|  |                                   | <u>\$ 962,166</u><br>===== |              |

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Permit me several pertinent observations that you may want to share with colleagues at the UAHC. First, the facts speak for themselves, and we all have reason to be pleased with the fact that over the years the Reform Movement's synagogues and schools have raised nearly \$1 million for the JNF. Secondly, when one considers that the Reform Movement's JNF fund-raising efforts have for the most part been modest and low key, it's clear that there exists within your movement a tremendous potential for increased income for the JNF, -- and I'd like to discuss this with you sometime. Thirdly, there's another "fact" that should not be overlooked: The Reform Movement has now sponsored seven significant forests in Israel. And lastly (Achron achron chaviv,) the forest in your honor was a spectacular success by any standard, and certainly a great tribute to you.

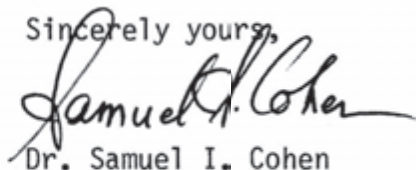
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Alex, from all of the above indications it would seem that the timing is right for your office to encourage greater and more widespread support for the JNF. If one were to break down the above listed incomes on a per year basis, it would appear that the current recorded annual income for the JNF from the Reform Movement is approximately \$75,000. It could and should be much higher.

I hope that you'll have opportunities to convey to the leadership of the UAHC, the important progress and achievements evident in our partnership, and the hope that we will have this fruitful association for many, many years and generations to come.

With my compliments and warmest wishes to you personally, as well as the official appreciation of the JNF, I am

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Samuel I. Cohen

cc: Moshe Rivlin  
Charlotte Jacobson  
Ken Rosett



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 3, 1985

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Union Of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 - 5th Ave.  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex,

I was simply delighted with the new UAHC publication "Joshua's Dream." It really is charming, and I congratulate you on this new addition to your book service.

The JNF will certainly promote it. Please advise the right contact person to get information, as I know, our Education Department will gladly cooperate.

With all good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

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Charlotte Jacobson  
President

cc: Dr. Solomon Goldman  
Director-Education Dept.

August 29, 1985

Ms. Charlotte Jacobson, President  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 59th Street  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Charlotte:

I have just received the first copy of a new UAHC publication for primary grades, entitled Joshua's Dream.

The book relates the story of a little boy who dreams of building the land of Israel as did his great-aunt at the turn of the century. The book concludes with Joshua planting a tree in Israel as his personal first act as a builder of Israel.

I've enclosed the book with my compliments. I hope that you will enjoy it. Certainly you will find its message in harmony with the central thrust of the JNF program.

This gift is not entirely altruistic for it occurred to me that you could well use this book for JNF purposes. If so, generous discount rates for quantity purchase could be arranged.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a sweet New Year.

As ever,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Dr. Samuel Cohen

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 2, 1984

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President  
UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

AMERICAN JEWISH  
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Dear Alex:

When the news broke in the New York Times about Representative McKinney being involved in Arab Boycott activities, we immediately contacted the community and suggested the dinner be "postponed." The leaders refused to do this as they claim (verified by AIPAC) that Representative McKinney is a strong friend of Israel.

Right now, we are in a "holding position" until we can document the facts.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Charlotte*

Charlotte Jacobson

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February 24, 1984

Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, President  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Charlotte:

I am writing to call to your attention an item which appeared in the New York Times of February 23, Section B - Page 2. It pertains to Representative McKinney.

It appears that he has participated in the Arab boycott and has been responding to letters in two different ways. Someone by the name of Hoffman wrote to him and obviously the wrong button was pushed, Hoffman received an anti-Israel response rather than a pro-Israel letter. I bring this to your attention for I recall having seen somewhere, but I can't remember exactly where, that McKinney was to be honored by JNF at a dinner. In view of the article, perhaps you will want to look into this matter.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Dr. Samuel Cohen

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January 10, 1984

Ms. Ruth Labovitz  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, New York 10021

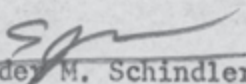
Dear Ruth:

I am delighted to enclose herewith a check for \$15.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Lee Goldstein of 26436 N. Circle Knoll Court, Newhall, California 91321. This is in honor of the 90th birthday of Mrs. Hannah Kaufman, mother of the late Rabbi Jay Kaufman.

The Goldsteins have asked that three trees be planted in the Rabbi Jay Kaufman grove in Israel which is part of the UAHC's JNF forest. Would you please make the necessary arrangements and while I am writing to Mrs. Kaufman, a dear friend, I trust that you will also let her hear directly from JNF.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

  
Alexander M. Schindler

Encl.



January 10, 1984

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Goldstein  
26436 N. Circle Knoll Court  
Newhall, California 91321

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein:

Thank you for forwarding the gracious check for trees to be planted in the Rabbi Jay Kaufman grove in Israel in honor of the 90th birthday of Hannah Kaufman. I am forwarding your request to the Jewish National Fund and you may be certain that they will handle this request with dispatch.

This is a beautiful tribute to a very beautiful and wonderful woman on her 90th birthday. I spoke with Aviva just yesterday and got a full report about the family party for Hannah. I am sorry that I couldn't be there to share in what I am certain was truly magnificent. She must have kvelled from having not only her children but her grandchildren and great-grandchildren with her.

With repeated thanks and kindest greetings, I am

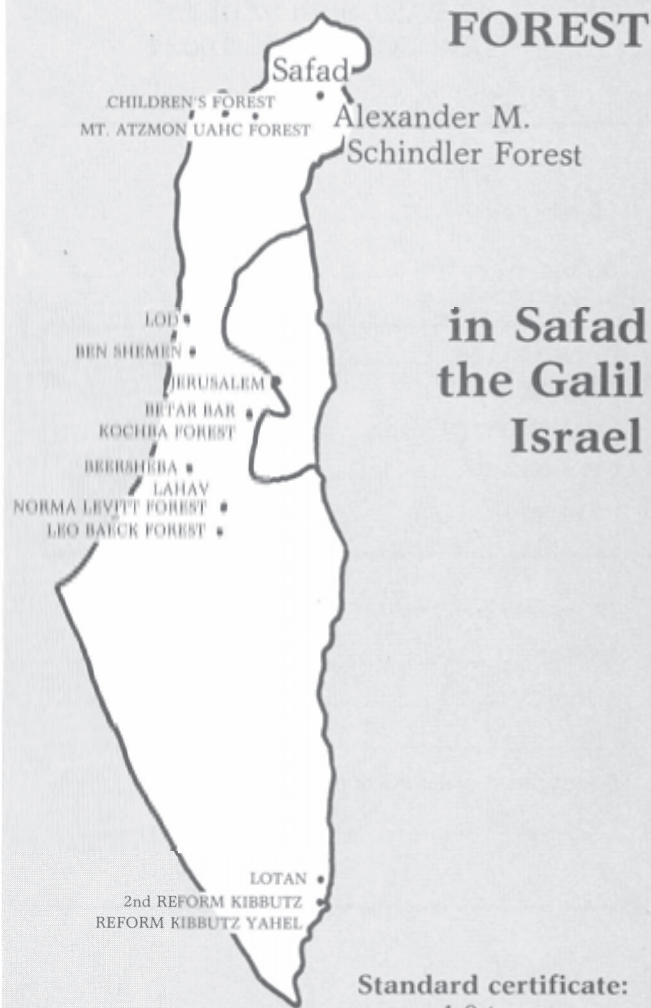
Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller  
Assistant to the President



## Plant trees in the

### ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER FOREST



in Safad  
the Galil  
Israel

Standard certificate:  
1-9 trees

Larger inscribed certificate:  
10 or more trees  
GARDEN (100-999 trees)

Permanent marker in Israel:  
GROVE (1000 trees)  
WOODLAND (2000 trees)  
FOREST (10,000 trees)

## ABOUT THE GALILEE

Quiet has returned to Galilee. After the summer's defensive action, residents of northern border towns no longer sleep in shelters. Houses have been repaired, factories reopened, forests replanted, and fields are once again bearing fruit.

Since ancient times, the Galilee has occupied an important place in Jewish history. The land which was apportioned to the tribes of Asher, Naftali, Issachar and Zevulun, was also the home of Jewish patriots, prophets and zealots. Joshua won his great victory "at the waters of Meron," Deborah triumphed at Mt. Tabor, and Jonathan the Maccabee fought the Greeks at Hazor. In addition, following the fall of the Second Temple, the Sanhedrin, the supreme Jewish legislative body, moved from Yavne to Galilee, where both the Mishna and the Jerusalem Talmud were written.

Later, Safed became the center of Jewish mysticism, while Peki'in boasts continuous Jewish settlement since the days of the Temple.

Galilee sites are also mentioned in the New Testament, as Nazareth and the Kinneret played a prominent role in the life of Jesus.

## MOUNTAINOUS HEARTLAND

Mountainous Galilee includes almost 1.5 million dunams, bordered by Lebanon on the north, the Jezreel Valley on the south, the Kinneret on the east and Haifa Bay on the west. The 300,000 Jews who live in the north are centered in and around Haifa, Nahariya, Akko, Safed, Tiberias and Upper Nazareth. By comparison, the region's 280,000 non-Jews live primarily in the remaining rural areas, which cover more than one million dunams.

Recently a settlement drive has started, aimed at increasing the Jewish population of Israel's rural north.

Modern settlement began in the late 1800's. In 1920 the heroic defense of Tel Hai on the edge of the Hula Valley was part of the fight to keep northern Galilee within the area the Balfour Declaration opened for building a Jewish National Home.

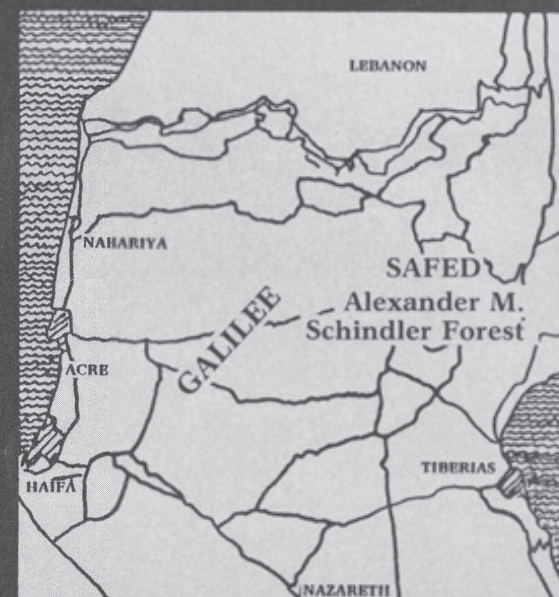
However, little could be done in the region's central hills, as virtually no land was accessible or ever for sale. At the height of the Arab riots, 1936-39, the JNF acquired land for outposts on the Lebanese border, where the first tower-and-stockade settlements were built, foremost among them Hanita.

During the War of Independence, despite heavy attacks, the Galilee remained part of the emergent State of Israel, and most of the non-Jewish inhabitants stayed in their towns and villages. Jewish pioneers took to reclaiming the rocky hillsides.

## The Union of American Hebrew Congregations

### RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER FOREST

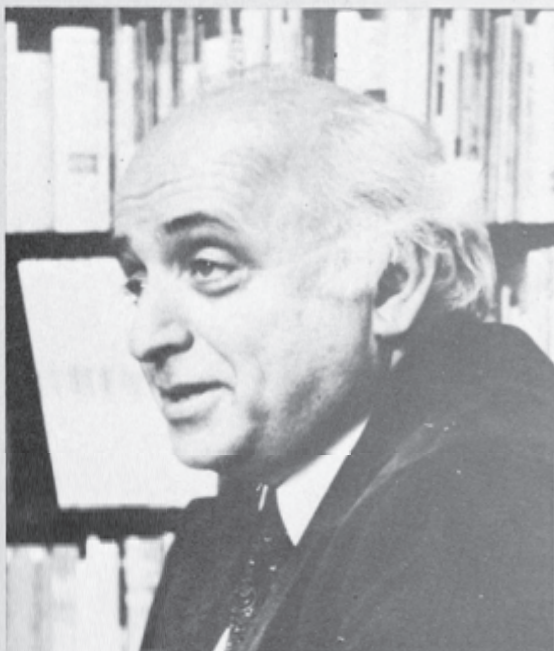
at Safad, Israel



Here in this beautiful area in the North of Israel, the rugged but glorious Galilee, at Safad, we will establish the UAHG Alexander M. Schindler Forest. Our Goal is to make this the largest forest we have ever planted.

*For 1000 trees or more you are entitled to a plaque with your name placed on the dedicatory wall of the forest at its site in Israel.*





*"No place is more dear to me than Israel, the Holy Land, and Jerusalem, the Holy City. Its space is filled with the voices of the past, its stones are the frozen echoes of Jewish history. It is the place where we learned how to wait for God and where the hope for lasting peace was born."*

Rabbi Alexander Schindler is President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He has been called "the most prominent spokesman for America's disparate Jewish groups".

He has headed the synagogue movement of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada, composed of 1.3 million men and women in some 750 Synagogues, since 1973.

Under his dynamic and creative direction, Reform Judaism has become one of the fastest-growing, most vigorous and influential forces in American religious life.

Eloquent, outspoken and fearless in the face of controversy, Rabbi Schindler has led the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its affiliates in conducting social action programs on behalf of world peace, economic and social justice, religious pluralism, civil rights and civil liberties.

From 1976 to 1978 Rabbi Schindler served as Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (a representative coalition of leaders of 34 Jewish secular and religious bodies). He became a confidant of Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin who hailed him for his "courageous and outstanding leadership" and as one "who has written his own name into the pages of the Jewish people's story of freedom, dignity and strength.

For his services to the Jewish people, Rabbi Schindler was awarded the coveted Bublick Prize by the Hebrew University in 1978, an honor earlier bestowed on Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and President Harry S. Truman, among others.

Born in Germany in 1925, Schindler and his family left the Nazis, arriving in the U.S. when he was 12. He earned a Purple Heart as a Skitrooper in World War II and graduated from the City College in New York before his ordination as a Reform rabbi at the Hebrew Union College. He is married to the former Rhea Rosenblum. The Schindlers have five children and live in Westport, Connecticut.

**JNF-UAHC PROJECTS  
42 EAST 69th STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021**

*I hereby pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Enclosed please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the planting of \_\_\_\_\_ trees at \$5.00 each.*

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_  
OR  
IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLANTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send certificate to:*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Congregation and affiliate to be credited:*

  
**JEWISH  
NATIONAL  
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(KEREN KAYEMETH  
LEISRAEL) INC.

**PREPARES THE SOIL  
DRAINS SWAMPS  
PLANTS FORESTS  
BUILDS ROADS  
PROVIDES LAND & EMPLOYMENT**

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December 1, 1983

Rabbi Lane B. Steinger  
Temple Emanu-El  
14450 West Ten Mile Road  
Oak Park, MI 48237

Dear Kane:

Our clipping service sent me an item from the National Jewish Post and Opinion noting your announcement in regard to the Schindler Forest in Israel. How very beautiful!

Please express my heartfelt appreciation to the members of Emanu-El for this lovely tribute. I am grateful.

It was nice to note my name isn't the only one the press manages to mid-spell from time to time - I couldn't help but note that they called you ~~STINGER~~! Such is life!

With warm personal regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



NATIONAL JEWISH  
POST & OPINION  
NEW YORK, N. Y.  
W-12,000

OCT- 5-83

## **Forest In Israel To Honor Schindler**

DETROIT — A two-year program of planting trees in what will be the Schindler Forest has been launched by the Reform Movement.

Rabbi Lane B. Stinger, of Temple Emanu-El, announced that his congregation has undertaken to plant 2,000 trees in the new forest, which has not as yet been announced nationally. In his message in the bulletin, Rabbi Stinger said that his congregation "has joined with other Reform synagogues in this area and throughout the country in the establishment of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation - Jewish National Fund Alexander M. Schindler Forest," to be located near Safed in northern Israel.

RICHARD COHEN ASSOCIATES  
30 East 60th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10022

To: 1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

For your action ( )

For your files ( )

For your info ( )

Let's discuss ( )

Remarks:



Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Send to George  
Hershberg  
Cohen.*

*My love you in  
Detroit!*

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OCTOBER 13, 1983

GULKO/SCHARF

SCHINDLER SAFAD FOREST (UAHC) AT \$80,000 & GROWING. SURE TO REACH \$100,000.

CINCI COMMUNITY & MEYERS FAMILY CONTRIBUTED \$100,000 PHILIP MEYER'S HONOR FEW YEARS AGO WITHOUT DESIGNATING PROJECT. MEYERS WHO REVERES SCHINDLER REQUESTS A FOREST WITHIN SCHINDLERS. UAHC DELIGHTED. QUESTIONS-CAN WE ACCOMMODATE MEYERS & CINCI? ANY LIMITATION TO GROWTH OF SCHINDLER PROJECT? ADVISE SIZE & POSITION SCHINDLERS UAHC \$200,000 AND MEYERS \$100,000 MARKERS. THANKS.

AMERICAN JEWISH  
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INFO COPY

Dr. Samuel I. Cohen  
Alon Ben-Meir  
Sophie Schatz  
Ruth Labovitz  
Edie Miller-UAHC



FOREST

O.K. inf.



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May 4, 1983

Dr. Samuel I. Cohen,  
Executive Vice President  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Sam:

I was truly delighted to receive your response to my recent inquiry. Needless to note, your answer made me very, very happy. There has been a long history in Israel of referring to Reform rabbis as Doctor. Thus, knowing what the inscription on the marker in Safed says is indeed a source of pleasure to me as a member of the Reform community.

With appreciation for your understanding and with warmest regards,  
I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

(KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL) INC.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT  
DR. SAMUEL I. COHEN

42 EAST 69TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021  
PHONE: (212) 879-9300

May 3, 1983

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

Dear Alex:

I'm delighted with your inquiry because it gives me an opportunity to say hello to you and to wish you well.

In direct response to your question, the inscription on the marker at the project in your honor at the Forest in Safed is as follows:

UAHC Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Forest  
אלכסנדר משה שינדלר נשיא  
איחוד ליהדות מתקדמת באמריקה

As you can see, your fond hope was realized long before your letter was sent to us.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel I. Cohen*  
Dr. Samuel I. Cohen

SIC:dd

*Send copy to  
Herman  
5/9/83*

*Tell Sam Hinder,  
but how about  
in Hebrew?*

April 26, 1983

Dr. Samuel Cohen, Director  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Sam:

One of my colleagues wrote to inquire as to the designation of the forest in my name in Safed. He reminded me that in previous tributes to Reform rabbis, the forests in Israel did not bear the title Rabbi but rather Doctor. His query moves me to ask about the forest which is being planted in my honor. Will it indeed bear the title the Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Forest? The brochure carries this designation. I was just wondering how it will appear at the forest itself.

Needless to note, it is my fond hope that my title Rabbi will be used. I would appreciate hearing from you.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



April 25, 1983

Rabbi Herman E. Snyder  
Sinai Temple  
1100 Dickinson Street  
Springfield, MA 01108

Dear Herman:

On my return from Poland -- I got back late last night and this is my first morning at the office -- I was pleased to hear from you. I am deeply grateful to you for letting me know about what happened to the forests of other Reform rabbis. I will insist that it be called the Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Forest.

In re Poland, the events are far too recent for me to allow for any meaningful reaction. Perhaps when we see each other I will have a chance to give you my impressions. Obviously I did not return with a light heart.

Fond good wishes to you and Adele in which Rhea joins me.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



SINAI TEMPLE

1100 DICKINSON STREET    SPRINGFIELD, MA 01108

HOWARD G. KAPLANSKY  
RABBI

DR. HERMAN ELIOT SNYDER  
RABBI EMERITUS

EMILY SLEEPER MEKLER  
CANTORIAL SOLOIST  
MUSIC DIRECTOR

(413) 736-3619  
!\* April 1983

Dear Alex,

Your Secretary informs me you are in Poland. Trust you were able to find a few Jews. When I was there in 1936 there were Jews everywhere. Those were the "good days" with misery, hunger, and unbelievable brutality all in the name of "love." When I returned home I was unable to eat (literally) losing weight --how to take a morsel of bread while seeing the spectre of starvation.

For several days Rabbi Silverman of Hartford (my roommate and bedmate while in Warsaw) and I met each morning starting at five with the JDC Executive (who was a later martyr in the ghetto) and Jewish leaders from all of Poland. The

government had launched a careful program to disenfranchise Jews from the industries which they had pioneered and developed, and to destroy the Jew economically (as endorsed by the newly created "saint"). Altho there were Jewish plumbers, for example, they now had to secure a license first endorsed by a Master Plumber--but no Jew was permitted to be a Master Plumber.

It was cherry season. People (young and old) bought the cherries, and delighted in spitting out the pits into the faces of bearded Jews who only wiped the spittle-off their faces with narry a word or glance of protest. A young Jewish journalist came late to our hotel--bedraggled, beaten-up. He had seen a Jew being beaten, and called attention of a policeman on the opposite corner who grabbed the reporter and began beating him "It is you who cause all the trouble" --and felt fortunate to have been able to wrestle-away and escape.

I covered all of Poland. In Lublin, visiting the College, graciously shown about by a couple of Nuns, when I asked where the Jewish students sat, the reply came without a moment's hesitation, pointing to the back of the room, "They sit on those six chairs"

My understanding is that the situation is still the same--only a fewer number of Jews to suffer. Would be interested in your report. At that time I visited through all of Eastern Europe--Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Prussia, Danzig Frei Stat (Wollie Kaelter home on vacation from HUC). My Yiddish proved an international language--even on trains. In Moscow even had a private car

Do let me know of the status of your forest IN ISRAEL. That is where it counts.

Be well and stay well.

*Herman*



April 14, 1983

Rabbi Herman E. Snyder  
Sinai Temple  
1100 Dickinson Street  
Corner Porter Lake Drive  
Springfield, MA 01108

Dear Rabbi Snyder:

Your letter of April 12 reached our office today. Rabbi Schindler left on a UAHC mission to Poland just last night. I know that on his return he will be delighted to find your note awaiting him.

I do not know how the forest is to be publicized in Israel, but I enclose herewith a copy of the brochure produced by the Jewish National Fund. You will note that the outside cover does indeed say the Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Forest. While on the page with the map of the various UAHC forests the title rabbi is not included, it was included in the biographical data.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller  
Assistant to the President



## SINAI TEMPLE

1100 DICKINSON STREET, CORNER PORTER LAKE DRIVE  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01108

RABBI DR. HERMAN ELIOT SNYDER

12 April 1983

Dear Alex,

Much too long being in touch with ypu and family.  
Trust all are well.

The reason for my writing . . .

I rejoice in the high honor paid you in establishing a forest in your name in Israel.

BUT I wonder whether it is uses your title "Rabbi" or "Doctor."

My observation has been that in Israel whatever is named for Reform Rabbis are always Doctored. Thus with Abba Hillil Silver, Stephen S Wise, Judah Magnin. On my trips to Israel our truly knowledgable guides were always shocked to learn that these men had been Rabbis!

If your forest is named "Rabbi Alex Schindler Forest" and so recorded and publicized in Israel, that would be a "break-through."

Love to all the family.

Herman

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

9/29/82

Sadie Segalt

JNF

Quote for JNF brochure:

No place is more dear to me than Israel, the Holy land, and  
Jerusalem, the holy city. Its space is filled with the voices  
of the past, its stones are frozen echoes of Jewish history.  
It is the place where we learned how to wait for God and where  
the hope for lasting peace was born.



What kind of ~~from~~  
quote --  
me or about me?

Call  
something about Israel  
would be nice  
~~SPIT~~

Note -  
type + give  
to Sophie.



# MEMORANDUM

From *Sadie Segal*  
To *Rabbi Schindler*

Date *9/28/82*

*Dear Alex,*

*I desperately need a quote - a few sentences - to put under your picture in the brochure I'm setting up for your forest. I need it as soon as possible. Thank you. Happy New Year -*

*Sadie*

*No place is more dear to me than Israel, the holy land and Jerusalem, the holy city. Its space is filled with the voices of the past, its stones are the frozen echoes of Jewish history. It is the place where we learned how to wait for God & where the hope for lasting peace was born.*



איחוד  
הקהילות  
היהודיות  
האמריקאיות

**Union of American Hebrew Congregations**

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42 EAST 69TH STREET  
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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT  
DR. SAMUEL I. COHEN

August 10, 1982

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York City 10021

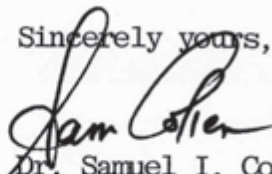
Dear R'Alex:

I was delighted to hear from Sadie Segal that you have agreed to have the next UAHC-JNF forest planted in your honor. We are all delighted.

I assure you that all of us will do everything possible to help make the newest Reform Movement-JNF project an eminent success.

With kindest personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Samuel I. Cohen

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# MEMORANDUM

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND / 42 EAST 69 STREET / NEW YORK 10021 / 212-879-9300

DATE: Aug. 9, 1982

TO: Rabbi A. Schindler

FROM: Sadie Segal

SUBJECT: your forest in Israel  
Dear Alex,

I am so pleased to be able to work on a forest in Israel in your honor. I look forward to a very successful drive.

You have a choice of location of the forest. It can be in the Negev (Sahar) or in the Galil (an area near Hfat) Please let me know which you prefer.

Sincerely,  
Sadie



JNF

January 5, 1962

Dr. Samuel Cohen  
Jewish National Fund  
42 East 69th Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Sam:

This is to advise a change in UAHC representation to the JNF. We are eager to have a lay leader serve in this capacity and therefore I ask that you remove Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman's name from your roster and add:

Mr. L. Kenneth Rosett  
191 Albemarle Road  
White Plains, NY 10605

914-949-5948

Mr. Rosett, Associate Treasurer of the UAHC, is looking forward to representing the Union at the Jewish National Fund.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

bcc; Sadie Segal  
Rabbi L.A. Schoolman

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

December 16, 1981

Rabbi Bernard Zlotowitz

Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman

Lenny has been representing us at the Jewish National Fund since the death of Carol Long. We really should have a lay person undertake this responsibility. I would like to have someone from the New York Federation and possibly one of your lay people who is involved with our Youth Division, for that department does work closely with the JNF, with assistance for Yahel etc. Please let me have your suggestion so that we may make the necessary arrangements.





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*no reply*

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 14, 1981

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am pleased to inform you that you have been officially elected as an Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund of America for 1981-1983, at our biennial meeting held on Thursday, December 3, 1981.

Please accept my warmest wishes and expressions of congratulations. I'd like to extend to you a cordial invitation to take an active role of leadership in behalf of our historic work in the land of Israel.

As you undoubtedly know, the JNF, now in its 80th year, has emerged as Israel's major land reclamation and land transformation agency. Our work has never been more important. We need new population centers in the Galilee and in the Negev. We are involved in the preparation of sites for new settlements. There is a continuing need for new access roads to, and from, these settlements and the ongoing work of afforestation, land drainage and land reclamation have taken on a new momentum. Your interest, your counsel and your participation are, therefore, vitally needed.

With warmest wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Charlotte Jacobson*  
Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson

CJ:egl



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42 EAST 69TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021  
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
RABBI WILLIAM BERKOWITZ

October 27, 1981

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

Dear Alex:

The Biennial Corporate Meeting of the Jewish National Fund will be held on Thursday, December 3, 1981, at the JNF House, 42 East 69th Street, NYC.

In accordance with the provisions of our constitution, our constituent organizations are requested to appoint their designees to the above meeting. The UAHC is entitled to one (1) Observer on the JNF Board of Directors. Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman served for the 1979-1981 term.

Would you kindly make available the name of your Observer for the 1981-83 term.

Looking forward to receiving word from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*William Berkowitz*  
Rabbi William Berkowitz

WB:egl

cc: Albert Vorspan, VP

*Al -  
Alphonse Syme -  
I never went  
[Signature]*

*[Signature]  
Edel  
Plus  
Write to  
say good  
[Signature]*

*Lenny -  
Will you continue  
[Signature]*



(KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL) INC.

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Rabbi William Berkowitz

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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Samuel I. Cohen

October 28, 1981

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:

As you know, we expect to submit the proposed text of the revised Constitution of the Jewish National Fund at our Board of Directors meeting on December 3rd. The submission of the Constitution will also be on the agenda of the Administrative Committee on November 11th.

It is imperative that we have a fully attended meeting of the Constitution Committee prior to the Board meeting for the purpose of discussing the necessary procedure and steps for the submission of the draft constitution to the Board.

This special meeting will be held on:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 3:00 PM, at the

JNF House, 42 East 69th Street, New York City. Please make sure to come prepared to discuss the position of your organization on this crucial matter.

I look forward to your presence.

Sincerely yours,

Moshe Kagan

Chairman, Constitution Committee

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cc: Presidents & Executive Directors  
Constituent Organizations



PROPOSED  
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
of the  
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL), INC.

PREAMBLE

We, the national membership Zionist organizations, who constitute the Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth Leisrael), Inc., in the United States, in order to promote the historic Zionist aim of reclaiming and developing the land in Israel, and the sponsorship of such program as will advance these objectives, do hereby establish this Constitution through which we will carry out such objectives and purposes of this Association.

ARTICLE I  
NAME

The name of the Association is Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth Leisrael), Inc., incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

ARTICLE II  
NATIONAL OFFICE

The National Office of this Association shall be located in New York City, N. Y.

ARTICLE III  
OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

The objectives of this Association shall be:

1. To appeal for and accept and receive from any person, firm, corporation, society or association, contributions, pledges, or donations of money, funds, securities, subscriptions, gifts, legacies, bequests and property in any other form, to be devoted to and expended in the reclaiming and developing the land in Israel, for promoting and furthering the religious, cultural, physical, social, agricultural and general welfare of the inhabitants of Israel, encourage and promote the development of Jewish life in Israel.



4. To do or cause to be done, to appoint and cause to be appointed, such agents as it may from time to time determine for the doing of all matters and things that may in its judgment be necessary or proper for carrying out any of the purposes aforesaid.
5. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, ~~in~~ all assets of the said Association, after deducting the legitimate expenses incidental to such dissolution, shall be transmitted and forwarded to such corporation or corporations, association or associations, as in the discretion of the Board of Directors of this Association shall generally further the aims and purposes of this Association as aforesaid; provided that such donee must qualify for exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or as it may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE IV  
MEMBERS AND MEETINGS

1. The Association shall consist of the following constituent Zionist membership organizations:

American Jewish League for Israel

American Mizrahi Women

Americans for Progressive Israel - Hashomer Hatzair

Association of Reform Zionists of America

Bnai Zion

Hadassah

Herut Zionists of America, Inc.

Labor Zionist Alliance

Pioneer Women

Religious Zionists of America

Zionist Organization of America

Days in every odd numbered year for the purpose of receiving the report of the Executive Vice President and other reports, for the transaction of other business, and for the election of national officers.

5. Written notice of the biennial meetings shall be sent by the Association to each of the organizations named in Section I of this article not less than fifteen (15) days, nor more than forty (40) days prior to the date of such meeting. Each such organization shall make available to the Association the names of its designees at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

#### ARTICLE V DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATION

1. The property and business of this Association and the management of its affairs shall be vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of the following:

(a) Designees of the Association's membership organizations:

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| American Jewish League for Israel                   | ( 1 )  |
| American Mizrahi Women                              | ( 6 )  |
| Americans for Progressive Israel - Hashomer Hatzair | ( 2 )  |
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| Bnai Zion   | ( 3 )  |
| Hadassah  | ( 24 ) |
| Herut Zionists of America, Inc.                     | ( 2 )  |
| Labor Zionist Alliance                              | ( 8 )  |
| Pioneer Women                                       | ( 6 )  |
| Religious Zionists of America                       | ( 6 )  |
| Zionist Organization of America                     | ( 18 ) |

(b) Designees of the National Council representing the Association's regions and councils. ( 6 )

shall have the power to hold meetings, appoint committees, employ necessary staff, accept new members, authorize proper expenditures and to take all necessary and proper steps to carry out the purposes of this Association. Between meetings of the Board of Directors and subject always to the authority and control of the Board of Directors, the full power to transact the business of the Association shall be vested in the Administrative Committee which shall be composed of all the officers of the Association, together with fifteen (15) members elected from and by the Board of Directors, representing the constituent Zionist organizations.

The Administrative Committee should also include the chairman of the National JNF Foundation Committee, and observers from affiliated organizations. The President shall serve as Chairman of the Administrative Committee. The Administrative Committee shall meet once monthly and at special meetings called upon the written request of three (3) members representing three (3) constituent organizations. The Administrative Committee must approve all appointments of committee chairmen governing the work of the Association. All budgetary, fiscal and financial matters, and major policy decisions, shall require the affirmative recommendation of a majority of the Administrative Committee for presentation to the Board of Directors. All decisions require a majority of 60% of those present and voting. Ten (10) members of the Administrative Committee, representing at least three (3) constituent organizations, shall constitute a quorum.

7. Not more than twelve (12) directors shall be directors-at-large who shall serve in their individual capacities; they shall be appointed by and on the initiative of the President of the Association, at one time, or from time to time, with the consent and concurrence of the majority of the Administrative Committee of the Association to serve until the next biennial meeting of the Association; the directors-at-



2. All national officers shall be elected at the biennial meeting of the Association. Only such directors as set forth in Article V, Section 1, shall be eligible to vote in the election of officers, and a majority of a quorum of such directors present shall be necessary to elect officers. Vacancies among the officers shall be filled from the Board of Directors promptly at a meeting specifically designated for this purpose after such vacancy occurs by a majority vote of a quorum of those directors present who are eligible to vote for officers as set forth herein.

In the event of the vacancy of the President, the Administrative Committee at its discretion shall convene a special meeting of the Board of Directors to elect a president to fill the unexpired term of office according to constitutional provisions for voting.

Officers shall hold office for a term of two years and shall not be eligible to succeed themselves in that office after having served two full consecutive terms, except where otherwise indicated. (Article VI paragraph 5).

Honorary officers shall hold office for a term of two years and may succeed themselves without limitation.

All elections for officers shall be governed by Roberts

Rules of Order. By a motion duly made and seconded, and by a vote of a majority of a quorum of those present at an election meeting, an election can be held by secret ballot. at an election meeting, an election can be held by secret ballot.

4. Officers shall be selected from among the Board of Directors.
5. The Board of Directors shall retain the services of an Executive Vice President upon such terms and conditions as may be recommended by the Administrative Committee. Such Executive Vice President shall be responsible to the President and the Board of Directors and may serve without limitation of time.
6. All officers and committee chairmen shall be accountable to the President of the Association. The President in turn shall be accountable to the Board of Directors, and in between meetings, to the Administrative Committee.

#### ARTICLE VII REGIONS AND COUNCILS

The Association shall be represented on the local level by a region or council. These regions or councils shall be governed by democratically elected officers and by a constitution. The Constitution or By-Laws, and activities of the regions and councils must be democratic in nature and must be in accord with the constitution and policies of the Association, and approved by the Board of Directors of the Association. Regions and councils are accountable to the Association. All assets of the regions and councils are the property of the Association. The regions and councils shall be represented on the National Council.

#### ARTICLE VIII THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

The National Council shall act as the official representative body of the JNF regions and councils throughout the country. Its national officers and designees to the Board must be elected democratically in accordance with its constitution. Whatever action is undertaken by the National Council must be in accord with the constitution and policies of the Association.



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The objectives of this Association shall be:

1. To appeal for and accept and receive from any person, firm, corporation, society or association, contributions, pledges, or donations of money, funds, securities, subscriptions, gifts, legacies, bequests and property in any other form, to be devoted to and expended in the reclaiming and developing the land in Israel, for promoting and furthering the religious, cultural, physical, social, agricultural and general welfare of the inhabitants of Israel, encourage and promote the development of Jewish life in Israel.



2. To accept and receive from any person, firm, corporation, society or association, special contributions, pledges or donations of moneys or property, as aforesaid, for any special or specific purpose within the objectives aforesaid; to borrow money, to execute promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness therefor, to issue bonds, notes, debentures or other securities, unsecured or secured by the income or assets of the Association, present or future, tangible or intangible, and to enter into any and all contracts, agreements, undertakings or other engagements, within the limitations provided by law for the furtherance and attainment of the objectives of the Association; and generally to do any and all things that may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the objectives set forth in Section 1 hereof.
3. To convert into cash funds such part of the contributions, pledges, donations, moneys, funds, securities, subscriptions, gifts, legacies, bequests and property received by this Association as may not be in that form and after deducting the legitimate expenses incidental to the collections of such funds and to the operation of this Association, to transmit and forward to its agent or agents in Israel such sums as in the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Association shall, from time to time, be necessary to the attainment of any of the objectives aforesaid. Any agent or agents so receiving funds from the Association shall make appropriate arrangements to account to the Association for the sums it receives so that the Association may determine whether such sums are being utilized for the attainment of the objectives provided for in this section.

4. To do or cause to be done, to appoint and cause to be appointed, such agents as it may from time to time determine for the doing of all matters and things that may in its judgment be necessary or proper for carrying out any of the purposes aforesaid.
5. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, all assets of the said Association, after deducting the legitimate expenses incidental to such dissolution, shall be transmitted and forwarded to such corporation or corporations, association or associations, as in the discretion of the Board of Directors of this Association shall generally further the aims and purposes of this Association as aforesaid; provided that such donee must qualify for exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or as it may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE IV  
MEMBERS AND MEETINGS

1. The Association shall consist of the following constituent Zionist membership organizations:

American Jewish League for Israel

American Mizrahi Women

Americans for Progressive Israel - Hashomer Hatzair

Association of Reform Zionists of America

Bnai Zion

Hadassah

Herut Zionists of America, Inc.

Labor Zionist Alliance

Pioneer Women

Religious Zionists of America

Zionist Organization of America

2. The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the designees of the constituent Zionist organizations (as specified in Article V), the designees of the National Council, representing regions and councils, and the directors-at-large.
3. (a) Any organization not herein specifically named may apply to the Association for membership. All such applications shall be submitted to the Administrative Committee for review and approval. Upon recommendation of the Administrative Committee, the secretary shall cause notice of such application to be given by mail to all members of the Board of Directors at least ten (10) days prior to the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Upon acceptance of the application by two-thirds (2/3) of the quorum present at a meeting of the Board of Directors such organization shall be entitled to full membership in the Association.  
(b) The following are the "Criteria for Membership" in the Association:  
Organizations applying for membership must (a) At the time of application be an official Zionist Organization; (b) Be national in scope with branches and/or chapters throughout the country; (c) Have democratically adopted constitution and/or by-laws and be governed on a democratic basis; and (d) Support the aims and objectives of the Association.
4. The biennial meeting of the Association shall be held on the first Thursday of November subsequent to the High Holy



Days in every odd numbered year for the purpose of receiving the report of the Executive Vice President and other reports, for the transaction of other business, and for the election of national officers.

5. Written notice of the biennial meetings shall be sent by the Association to each of the organizations named in Section I of this article not less than fifteen (15) days, nor more than forty (40) days prior to the date of such meeting. Each such organization shall make available to the Association the names of its designees at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

#### ARTICLE V DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATION

1. The property and business of this Association and the management of its affairs shall be vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of the following:

(a) Designees of the Association's membership organizations:

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| American Jewish League for Israel                   | ( 1 )  |
| American Mizrachi Women                             | ( 6 )  |
| Americans for Progressive Israel - Hashomer Hatzair | ( 2 )  |
| Association of Reform Zionists of America           | ( 2 )  |
| Bnai Zion   | ( 3 )  |
| Hadassah  | ( 24 ) |
| Herut Zionists of America, Inc.                     | ( 2 )  |
| Labor Zionist Alliance                              | ( 8 )  |
| Pioneer Women                                       | ( 6 )  |
| Religious Zionists of America                       | ( 6 )  |
| Zionist Organization of America                     | ( 18 ) |

(b) Designees of the National Council representing the Association's regions and councils. ( 6 )

2. Directors shall be elected for a term of two years and shall be eligible to succeed themselves without limitation provided, however, that one-half of the number (computed to the lower whole number) of directors nominated for election as members of the Board of Directors by any one organization having more than three members on such Board of Directors, shall not be eligible to succeed themselves.
3. The Board of Directors shall have control of the property and affairs of the Association and shall fix its policies. They shall have the power to hold meetings; appoint committees; employ necessary staff; accept new members; authorize proper expenditures; and to take all necessary and proper steps to carry out the purposes of this Association.
4. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the biennial meeting of the Association and quarterly thereafter on a day and at a time designated by the Administrative Committee. Twenty-four (24) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.
5. The President shall call a special meeting of the Board of Directors whenever he deems it necessary, and whenever he receives a demand for such special meeting from directors representing any three (3) or more constituent organizations. Notice of special meeting shall be mailed to the directors at least five (5) days before the date of such meetings.
6. The Board of Directors shall have control of the property and affairs of the Association and shall fix its policies. They

shall have the power to hold meetings, appoint committees, employ necessary staff, accept new members, authorize proper expenditures and to take all necessary and proper steps to carry out the purposes of this Association. Between meetings of the Board of Directors and subject always to the authority and control of the Board of Directors, the full power to transact the business of the Association shall be vested in the Administrative Committee which shall be composed of all the officers of the Association, together with fifteen (15) members elected from and by the Board of Directors, representing the constituent Zionist organizations.

The Administrative Committee should also include the chairman of the National JNF Foundation Committee, and observers from affiliated organizations. The President shall serve as Chairman of the Administrative Committee. The Administrative Committee shall meet once monthly and at special meetings called upon the written request of three (3) members representing three (3) constituent organizations. The Administrative Committee must approve all appointments of committee chairmen governing the work of the Association. All budgetary, fiscal and financial matters, and major policy decisions, shall require the affirmative recommendation of a majority of the Administrative Committee for presentation to the Board of Directors. All decisions require a majority of 60% of those present and voting. Ten (10) members of the Administrative Committee, representing at least three (3) constituent organizations, shall constitute a quorum.

7. Not more than twelve (12) directors shall be directors-at-large who shall serve in their individual capacities; they shall be appointed by and on the initiative of the President of the Association, at one time, or from time to time, with the consent and concurrence of the majority of the Administrative Committee of the Association to serve until the next biennial meeting of the Association; the directors-at-



large shall have full voting rights except in the election of national officers and in votes to amend the constitution.

8. Vacancies on the Board of Directors caused by reason of death, resignation or otherwise shall be promptly filled by a majority vote of the quorum present at the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors after such vacancy occurs, and the directors so elected shall hold office until the next biennial meeting of the Association, provided however, that if such vacancy shall be caused by the death, resignation or otherwise of a representative of an organization, such vacancy shall be filled upon nomination made by the organization from whose delegation the vacancy occurred. Vacancies in the number of directors-at-large shall be filled by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors.
9. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Administrative Committee, a Budget & Finance Committee. This committee shall review and approve the annual budget; review and approve the annual audited report, and report periodically to the Administrative Committee on the income and expenditures of the Association.

#### ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Association shall consist of the following:  
President, Six (6) Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Two (2) Associate Treasurers, Secretary, and such Honorary Officers as shall be elected at the biennial meeting of the Association.

2. All national officers shall be elected at the biennial meeting of the Association. Only such directors as set forth in Article V, Section 1, shall be eligible to vote in the election of officers, and a majority of a quorum of such directors present shall be necessary to elect officers. Vacancies among the officers shall be filled from the Board of Directors promptly at a meeting specifically designated for this purpose after such vacancy occurs by a majority vote of a quorum of those directors present who are eligible to vote for officers as set forth herein.

In the event of the vacancy of the President, the Administrative Committee at its discretion shall convene a special meeting of the Board of Directors to elect a president to fill the unexpired term of office according to constitutional provisions for voting.

Officers shall hold office for a term of two years and shall not be eligible to succeed themselves in that office after having served two full consecutive terms, except where otherwise indicated. (Article VI paragraph 5).

Honorary officers shall hold office for a term of two years and may succeed themselves without limitation.

All elections for officers shall be governed by Roberts

Rules of Order. By a motion duly made and seconded, and by a vote of a majority of a quorum of those present at an election meeting, an election can be held by secret ballot. at an election meeting, an election can be held by secret ballot.

3. Duties and Responsibilities

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside over the Board of Directors and Administrative Committee meetings, appoint chairmen of committees, and appoint directors-at-large. All appointments must be made with the consent of the Administrative Committee. He shall also perform all other duties as may be required by virtue of his office.

VICE PRESIDENTS: In the event of absence or disability of the President, the President must designate one of the Vice Presidents to fulfill the duties of the President. In the event the President is unable to make such designation, then the Administrative Committee will act in his behalf. The Vice Presidents will be accountable to the President. Each Vice President will be assigned a specific responsibility by, and be accountable to, the President.

TREASURER: The Treasurer will have overall responsibility for all fiscal affairs of the Association which include supervision of the budget, management of the auditing process, and the signing of checks issued by the Association.

ASSOCIATE TREASURERS: The Associate Treasurers shall assist the Treasurer in all of the above responsibilities and fulfill the duties of the Treasurer in the event of absence or disability.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall supervise the recording of minutes of meetings of the Association's Board of Directors and Administrative Committee, manage the sending of meeting notices, and serve as Secretary of the Association.



4. Officers shall be selected from among the Board of Directors.
5. The Board of Directors shall retain the services of an Executive Vice President upon such terms and conditions as may be recommended by the Administrative Committee. Such Executive Vice President shall be responsible to the President and the Board of Directors and may serve without limitation of time.
6. All officers and committee chairmen shall be accountable to the President of the Association. The President in turn shall be accountable to the Board of Directors, and in between meetings, to the Administrative Committee.

#### ARTICLE VII REGIONS AND COUNCILS

The Association shall be represented on the local level by a region or council. These regions or councils shall be governed by democratically elected officers and by a constitution. The Constitution or By-Laws, and activities of the regions and councils must be democratic in nature and must be in accord with the constitution and policies of the Association, and approved by the Board of Directors of the Association. Regions and councils are accountable to the Association. All assets of the regions and councils are the property of the Association. The regions and councils shall be represented on the National Council.

#### ARTICLE VIII THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

The National Council shall act as the official representative body of the JNF regions and councils throughout the country. Its national officers and designees to the Board must be elected democratically in accordance with its constitution. Whatever action is undertaken by the National Council must be in accord with the constitution and policies of the Association.

ARTICLE IX  
AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

National Jewish Organizations who participate in the work of the Association may upon approval of the Board become affiliated organizations. Affiliated organizations shall be entitled to observer status on the Board of Directors and Administrative Committee.

ARTICLE X  
AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws, or any part thereof, may be made at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by a vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the quorum present, (except as indicated in Article V, paragraph 7), provided notice of such amendments shall have been mailed to every member of the Board of Directors at least five (5) days before the meeting.

The Constitution was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on \_\_\_\_\_ and supersedes the Constitution and Amendments in effect heretofore.