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May 23, 1995  
23 Iyar 5755

Ellen Y. Rosenberg  
Executive Director

Judith O. Rosenkranz  
President

Women of Reform Judaism  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Ellen and Judy:

We are profoundly grateful for the constant and most generous support our Union receives from the Women of Reform Judaism. You strengthen the work of our hands and our hearts and we truly appreciate the sustenance you provide our Union as well as the magnificent programs and services offered to our congregations from the Women of Reform Judaism.

Needless to note, your \$85,000. gift will be credited in accordance with your instructions, to the Youth Department with \$15,000. to be allocated directly to the Union's College Program.

May the Women of Reform Judaism continue to go from strength to strength as well as from generation to generation.

With warm regards and all good wishes for a pleasant and productive summer, we are

Sincerely,

Melvin Merians  
Chairman of the Board

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
President

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May 16, 1995

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
President

Melvin Merians  
Chairman

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

Dear Alex and Mel:

On behalf of the Women of Reform Judaism, we are pleased to enclose a check to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the amount of \$85,000. This sum reflects our contribution to the UAHC for 1994-95 and is designated for the Youth Department with \$15,000 of this gift specifically to be used towards furthering the UAHC College Program.

Not often does one have the opportunity to reflect upon a check of \$85,000, and say "it was good." This sum is a part of the collective contribution that our Sisterhoods throughout North America make to the Y.E.S. (Youth, Education and Special Projects) Fund. It is a reaffirmation of the positive connection between Women of Reform Judaism and the UAHC.

Our hope is that we may continue to be there for the youth of today and tomorrow, and that they will one day be part of the Women of Reform Judaism, either as members or as supporters. That lineage is one we are very proud of.

With our very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Y. Rosenberg  
Executive Director

Judith O. Rosenkranz  
President

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cc: Judith Silverman, First Vice President  
Diane Portnoff, Vice President  
Wendy Allenberg

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40th Assembly Atlanta, Ga. Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 1995

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May 23, 1995  
23 Iyar 5755

Ellen Y. Rosenberg  
Women of Reform Judaism  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Ellen:

Thank you so much for sharing with me your May 16 letter to David Saperstein which was sent with the \$6000 gift of the Women of Reform Judaism to support the work of the Religious Action Center. This wonderful gift from the Sisterhood Y.E.S. Fund is just another indication of the great support which the Women of Reform Judaism have always given to our work. May we always be worthy of your support and caring concern.

I am sharing a copy of this letter with Judith Rosenkranz so that she too is aware of our heartfelt gratitude for all of the work our Women of Reform Judaism undertake with such distinction. We are exceedingly proud of this arm of our movement.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Judith Rosenkranz

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May 16, 1995

*usual flower*

**Rabbi David Saperstein**  
**Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism**  
**2027 Massachusetts Avenue, NW**  
**Washington, DC 20036**

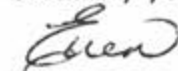
Dear David:

On behalf of Judith Rosenkranz, President, and the Women of Reform Judaism, we are pleased to enclose a check to the Religious Action Center in the amount of \$6,000. This represents a collective contribution from the Sisterhoods in North America through our Y.E.S. (Youth, Education and Special Projects) Fund. It serves as our contribution for 1994-95 towards an Eisendrath legislative assistant.

The supportive relationship that exists between WRJ and the RAC is exemplary. We are each strengthened by the growth and development of each of our organizations and both benefit from the partnership that has been established. Our wish is for it to continue to flourish for many years ahead.

With my best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Ellen Y. Rosenberg  
Executive Director

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cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler ✓  
Rabbi Eric Yoffie  
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WRT  
(NETS)

November 15, 1994  
12 Kislev 5755

Sherry Zvares Sanabria  
Route 2, Box 55A  
Leesburg, VA 22075

Dear Ms. Sanabria:

Thank you for calling your work to my attention. It is critical that we remember the Holocaust and art is a wonderful means by which we can teach of this cruel period in the history of humankind.

Unfortunately, the mandate of the UAHC precludes the kind of travelling art exhibition you propose for our funds are very specifically directed.

I am sharing your materials with Dr. Jane Evans and the Women of Reform Judaism (NFTS). Our building has two Fifth Avenue windows as well as an inside display window in which the works of Jewish artists are shown. This project is administered by Dr. Evans and you can appreciate that she must work far in advance to schedule exhibits, I will call your work to her attention. She cannot become involved in a travelling exhibit but perhaps we can bring your work to New York.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Dr. Jane Evans



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

June 30, 1994  
21 Tammuz 5754

Judith O. Rosenkranz  
1125 Shipwatch Circle  
Harbour Island  
Tampa FL 33602

Dear Ms Rosenkranz:

Your letter addressed to Rabbi Schindler and marked 'Personal and Confidential' arrived here while Rabbi Schindler was out of the country. He is not due back until next week.

I write to assure you that your correspondence will be given to him unopened on his return to his desk.

I hope you will forgive the delay in his response.

Sincerely,

Marian Brewer  
Rabbi Schindler's Office

NFTS

✓

February 17, 1994  
6 Adar 5754

Judith O. Rosenkranz  
President

Ellen Y. Rosenberg  
Executive Director

Women of Reform Judaism - NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021

Dear Judy and Ellen:

The Women of Reform Judaism continue to be a great source of strength and support. For the entire Union as well as ourselves, heartfelt thanks for your wonderful contribution towards the work of the Youth Department.

It was heartening to receive the additional \$2,500. making the 1993-94 gift \$85,000. as well as your commitment for a like contribution for 1994/95. Many thanks.

Reform Judaism is indeed strengthened by the manifold efforts of the women of Sisterhood. We, too, look forward to many, many more years of a superb relationship which enhances our movement and the work of our hands and our hearts.

With appreciation and all good wishes, we are

Sincerely,

Melvin Merians  
Chairman

Alexander M. Schindler  
President

# WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

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February 14, 1994

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
President

Melvin Merians  
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Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex and Mel:

The WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM are pleased to enclose a check to the UAHC in the amount of \$85,000. This sum is our contribution to the UAHC Youth Department for 1993/1994 and recognizes our concern and commitment to strengthening the Youth Department and College Program. The work in this area is of major importance to our women in Sisterhoods throughout North America.

The \$85,000 reflects this year's budgetary commitment to the UAHC for \$82,500, plus an additional gift of \$2500. After discussion at our Executive Committee meeting, it was decided that the endeavors in behalf of youth activities were so significant to us that our budget committee will increase our 1994/1995 commitment to the UAHC to \$85,000. This is an important step for WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM and one we are proud to recommend.

Once again, strengthening each of our organizations only serves to strengthen the Reform Movement. We hope to continue this mutually beneficial relationship for many years to come.

With our very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ellen Y. Rosenberg  
Executive Director

  
Judith O. Rosenkranz  
President

Enclosure

cc:	Judith Silverman	Paul Rockfeld
	Diane Portnoff	Alan Belinkoff
	Wendy Allenberg	Stanley Rosenkranz
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	Gigi Aronson	Rabbi Allen Smith
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OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1-27-94  <i>2/17/94</i>	For: 1993-94 Contribution	85,000.00



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March 3, 1994  
20 Adar 5754

Judith O. Rosenkranz  
President  
and  
Ellen Y. Rosenberg  
Executive Director  
Women of Reform Judaism  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Judy and Ellen:

I have just learned that the Women of Reform Judaism have made a contribution of \$6000 to the Religious Action Center. This is yet another tangible evidence of the support the Women of Reform Judaism provide for our movement, not merely by word and deed, but also with the finance assistance which is so critical to our ability to provide programs and services for our congregations.

I am deeply grateful to all of the Women of Reform Judaism and convey heartfelt appreciation through the two of you.

With fond regards, I am

- Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: *Ellen Y. Rosenberg*

*Thank you for  
this as well*

February 14, 1994

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Rabbi David Saperstein  
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2027 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
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Dear David:

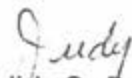
On behalf of the WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM, we are pleased to enclose a check in the amount of \$6,000 to the Religious Action Center. This signifies our contribution toward the cost of a legislative assistant who will work closely with the WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM on our social action issues.

Continuing a long and fruitful relationship that has been mutually beneficial, both to our local Sisterhoods throughout North America and to the Religious Action Center, is a high priority on our agenda. Therefore we are grateful for the assistance that we get from the Religious Action Center as well as the guidance and recognition.

Please send our best personal regards to your wonderful staff.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ellen Y. Rosenberg  
Executive Director

  
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cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler ✓  
Rabbi Eric Yoffie  
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R. J.

November 9, 1993  
25 Heshvan 5754

Judith O. Rosenkranz  
1125 Shipwatch Circle  
Tampa, FL 33606

Dear Judy:

Mazal tov! You really assumed your new responsibilities as President of the Women of Reform Judaism with style and dignity. I marvel at the manner in which you took hold in a difficult situation and from afar salute you for a job well done!

It was a great Biennial, albeit the most exhausting I can recall in my history of attending conventions. But it was also an exhilarating experience and the exceedingly positive comments which are now coming in from the grass roots help to ease the weariness we are all feeling.

I hope you have had a chance to get some R and R, you deserve it! Unless you find yourself in New York prior to our February Executive Committee meeting, I look forward to seeing you then. And I truly look forward to working in close association with you and the Women of Reform Judaism in behalf of our mutual sacred cause.

With fond regards to you and Stanley, in which Rhea joins, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander N. Schindler

NFTS



May 27, 1993  
7 Sivan 5753

Judith M. Hertz, President  
Ellen Y. Rosenberg, Director  
NFTS Women of Reform Judaism  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10023

Dear Judith and Ellen:

On our return from the Nashville Board meeting we were delighted to receive the most generous gift from the Women of Reform Judaism in support of our Youth Program. Personally and in behalf of the entire Union leadership, we express heartfelt thanks for Sisterhood's increased and continuing support of this critical aspect of the Union's work.

We, too, appreciate and acknowledge our partnership with the Women of Reform Judaism and pray it will flourish and be strengthened in the years ahead.

With deepest gratitude, we are

Sincerely,

Melvin Merians  
Chairman of the Board

Alexander M. Schindler  
President



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*Edie  
pls answer*

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May 24, 1993

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
President

Melvin Merians  
Chairman

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

Dear Alex and Mel:

The Women of Reform Judaism, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is pleased to enclose a check to the UAHC in the amount of \$82,500. This signifies our contribution to the Youth Department for the 1992/93 fiscal year. As you are aware, we had increased our budgetary commitment for this year by \$2,500, reflected in the amount totalling \$82,500.

The distribution of this sum should reflect our support of the UAHC's Youth Department and College Program. Both are extraordinarily meaningful to the women of our Sisterhoods and both are vitally important to the strengthening of the Reform movement.

We are delighted to recognize this partnership between the Women of Reform Judaism and the UAHC and hope to continue in this vein for many, many years to come.

With our very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Y. Rosenberg  
Executive Director

Judith M. Hertz  
President

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cc: Judith O. Rosenkranz  
Davna Brook  
Jane Lewis

WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM  
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39th Biennial Assembly San Francisco, CA Oct. 21-25, 1993

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DELUXE FORM WVO-4 V 2

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
5-7-93	For: NFTS 1992-93 contribution Support of Youth Work: College Youth \$15,000.00 NFTY 67,500.00 <u>\$82,500.00</u>	82,500.00

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Check arrived 2:30 Mon (24th)  
I took the check down to Rick Brown  
for safe keeping. Gave him a copy of  
letter also.

M.B.

NFTS



May 27, 1993  
7 Sivan 5753

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With deepest gratitude, we are

Sincerely,

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November 18, 1992  
22 Heshvan 5753

Judith M. Hertz  
President  
and  
Ellen Y. Rosenberg  
Executive Director  
NFTS Women of Reform Judaism  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Judith and Ellen:

The Women of Reform Judaism, NFTS, are truly a source of strong support and sustenance for the work of our Union. It was simply wonderful to receive your 1991/92 contribution of \$82,500.00 towards the budget of the Youth Division.

We note with delight the \$2,500. increase over your stated pledge for this period and convey deepest appreciation to all of the Women of Reform Judaism for their critical role in strengthening the institutions of Reform Judaism. Thank you, too, for the budget commitment to match this increased gift for the 1992/93 fiscal year. The Women of Reform Judaism truly strengthen the work of our hands and hearts.

With repeated thanks and all good wishes, we are

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler, Rabbi  
President

Melvin Merians  
Chairman of the Board

November 18, 1992

From: Edie Miller  
To: Paul Rockfeld  
cc: Bob Koppel

Enclosed is a check from NFTS in the amount of \$82,500.  
Please credit according to the letter from NFTS: \$15,000  
for College Youth and \$67,500 for NFTY.

We will acknowledge with thanks.



## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

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November 17, 1992

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
President

Mel Merians  
Chairman

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

Dear Alex and Mel:

It is our pleasure, on behalf of the Women of Reform Judaism, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, to enclose a check to the UAHC in the amount of \$82,500 fulfilling our budgetary commitment to the youth department for the year 1991/92. As you know, our commitment was for \$80,000 and we are pleased to be sending an additional \$2500.

While budgeting \$80,000 in the past, we now recognize the increase in our contribution for the past few years, and for 1992/93 we have budgeted \$82,500 to the UAHC. We expect to present this amount to you before the end of the current fiscal year.

Sisterhoods are well aware, and proud, of the significant contribution that they make towards strengthening the institutions of Reform Judaism. We look forward to continuing this tradition and increasing it when our financial situation makes that possible.

With our very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Y. Rosenberg  
Executive Director

Judith M. Hertz  
President

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10-16-92	For: Support of Youth Work for 1991/92	82,500.00
	<div><div>\$15,000</div><div>\$67,500</div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div></div> <div>College Youth</div> <div>NFTy</div>	



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NFTS

January 3, 1992  
27 Tevet 5752

Ms Judith Hertz  
NFTS

Dear Judy:

I know how harried you must be. The responsibility of finding professional leadership for NFTS is weighty, and I wish you success - - not just for your sake, but for ours as well. After all, the Union's strength in no small measure derives from yours.

I am anxious to be of help in this process. Indeed, constitutionally this is even my responsibility since the professional heads of our affiliates are ipso facto members of the Union's Executive staff.

In the case of Marjorie Epstein, as you know, I was informed only after the fact, and I really should be involved much sooner, perhaps once your choice has narrowed to the finalist stage, certainly before closure. I would appreciate that.

Be well, my friend - - and good luck. I don't envy you.

Love to Marty.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

BCC: mm

NFTS

December 17, 1991  
10 Tevet 5752

Judith Hertz, President  
and Eleanor R. Schwartz, Director  
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10011

Dear Judith and Ellie:

It was especially good in the midst of these difficult financial times to receive your gracious letter noting the increase in NFTS' budgetary commitment to the Union's Youth Division. The support received from Sisterhood is critical to our needs.

All of us of the Union are deeply grateful for the increase to \$82,500.00, as well as your pledge to make an additional gift of \$2,500.00, if your own YES Fund circumstances permit. We are indeed mindful and appreciative of the fact that over the past few years NFTS has made an extra allocation to the Youth Division from the YES Fund, even as we thank you for the formalization of the larger sum.

Please convey heartfelt appreciation to all of the women of Sisterhood. They are a strength to the entire movement!

With best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to you and all your loved ones, we are

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler  
President

Melvin Merians  
Chairman of the Board



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December 17, 1991

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
President

Mel Merians  
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Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
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Dear Alex and Mel:

We are very pleased to tell you that at its recent meeting, December 15-16, 1991, the NFTS Executive Committee voted to authorize an increase in the NFTS budgetary commitment for the Youth Department effective for your own 1992/93 budget. The increase is from \$80,000 to \$82,500.

Although that sum of \$82,500 has been contributed to the UAHC by NFTS over the past several years the actual commitment was \$80,000; we believe that the increased support for the YES Fund now justifies an increase in the budgetary commitment.

In addition, the Executive Committee voted a sum of \$2,500 over and above what has been contributed up to now, therefore, you will receive for the present fiscal year 91/92 a total sum of \$85,000. This is premised on the \$80,000 budgetary commitment in place at present for the remainder of this fiscal year, and a "plus" contribution of \$5,000. For the next fiscal year you may incorporate in the budget an expectation of \$82,500 and - if our optimism of continued support for the YES Fund continues we hope that there can be an additional grant of no less than \$2,500.

It is always a pleasure when Sisterhood efforts result in the kind of success that becomes a basis of increased support for our institutions of Reform Judaism.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

President

ERS:pw

cc: Robert Koppel

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MTA  
Eleanor R. Schwartz  
838 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021  
Telephone: (212) 249-0100

November 12, 1991

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

Dear Alex:

I don't know how to begin to thank you, the UAHC Officers and staff officials who honored me with such graciousness and generous spirit. It means a great deal to me personally and officially. And although I view the rest of my life as an opportunity for a "mid-career" potential, the reality is that the time spent at '838' and prior to that time as an involved youth and young adult in the lay arena -- represents golden anniversary years of my life.

I don't know where the time has gone and that, of course, is a tribute to the purpose, significance and challenge which the Union and Reform Judaism have offered me.

I will cherish the most handsome Presidential Medal and Citation, but even more will I cherish the graciousness and sensitivity of your words.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



MF-43

MEMORANDUM

September 26, 1992

18 Tishri 5752

\*p390XFrom: Edith J. Miller

To: Dolores Wilkenfeld

Enclosed is the tape of Alex for the presentation being done re Ellie. We had David Kasakove do it inhouse and I trust it works and that the quality fits with the rest of the video...holler if it needs re-doing!!

Time is so short between now and Baltimore never could have gotten Alex to the JBI or any other place for the taping!

Was with our New Leadership group this w/e -- exciting and wonderful range of people...ages, interests. etc. I always introduce myself with my two congregations...Jeannette Namen couldn't wait to ask about Emanuel...she knows I'm not from Houston! I told her I am very proud of the honor given me and always announce this special membership!

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach.

P .S. Before this got mailed David re-did Tape and there are three takes, so select the best.



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September 6, 1991

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

Dear Alex:

As you know, the upcoming Biennial in Baltimore will be Ellie's last as NFTS Executive Director. We are in the process of developing a programmatic tribute to her which will be presented at our NFTS Honors Banquet on Thursday evening. The presentation will include live narration, slides, and several special "cameo appearances" in the form of brief audio-taped statements.

We are asking you to prepare and tape such a statement from your perspective as President of the UAHC. The theme of the evening is "Celebration of Achievement", and we will be focusing both on the collective achievements of Sisterhood women, and on Ellie's life of achievement in service to the Reform Movement and in "enabling" the achievements of others. Therefore, we would like for your statement to address specifically your view of Ellie's achievements and their "legacy" in terms of impact for the future. While some personal references would certainly be appropriate -- especially in view of your long-standing relationship with Ellie -- your words should be couched primarily as a statement about her, rather than a direct message to her.

We are requesting that the statement run between 60 and 90 seconds and be taped for optimum sound quality. (If time permits, perhaps you could utilize the facilities of the Jewish Braille Institute.) We would also appreciate your giving us several pictures of yourself -- ideally, some with Ellie (at any age) -- which can be used as accompanying "visuals".

Because of the time pressures involved in developing this presentation, we will need to have both the tape and the pictures no later than Friday, October 4. Please send them to Dolores Wilkenfeld, 121 N. Post Oak Lane #506, Houston, Texas 77024. She is handling the technical arrangements and can answer any questions you might have about them.

(more)

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Alex, we realize this is an added task to your already full agenda of activities related to the Biennial. But we also knew that you would want to be part of this tribute to Ellie, and we believe this is the best way to insure your participation in the most effective manner. We look forward to your contributions to this very special event.

With all good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

*Judy*

Judith Hertz  
President

*Norma*

Norma Levitt  
Honorary President

*Dolores*

Dolores Wilkenfeld  
Past President

P.S. Although Ellie knows we are presenting some sort of program about her, we are trying to keep the details as much of a secret as possible.

## THE HOUSTONIAN ESTATES

121 North Post Oak Lane  
Houston, Texas 77024  
(713) 680-0600

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TO:

Rabbi Alexander Schneider

ATTN:

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March 7, 1991  
21 Adar 5751

MS  
Ms Eleanor R. Schwartz  
Executive Director  
NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Ellie:

I have your letter of March 5th, and ordinarily I would be delighted to speak to Sisterhood. Unfortunately, this time I can't because I am leaving for Boston earlier that day. There is a big dinner that night for FRJ and a number of cocktail parties preceding the event.

Obviously, I would like to be with Sisterhood; how about the day before? Monday seems reasonably clear on my calendar.

I hope you understand and in understanding, forgive.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Judith M. Hertz



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March 5, 1991

Rabbi Alexander Schindler

President

UAHC

838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

I'm writing you on behalf of Judy to ask if you would honor the NFTS Board of Directors by speaking with us at lunch time on Tuesday, June 4th.

This will be the closing day of our annual meetings, they will be held in our building, and we believe that whatever comments you make about the present status of the Reform Movement, the UAHC and/or the peace negotiations that may affect Israel - will be valuable information and valuable insight for our leadership.

We hope your calendar is clear and we're looking forward to hearing from you - 12:30 is a good time and take whatever amount of time you would feel necessary.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

ERS;dw

cc: Judith M. Hertz

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April 1, 1991  
17 Nisan 5751

Judith M. Hertz, President  
and  
Eleanor R. Schwartz, Executive Director  
National Federation and Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Judy & Ellie:

Pesach was made all the sweeter by the generous NFTS contributions to support the programs of the Union. All of us are deeply grateful for the continuing sustenance we receive for so many critical areas of our endeavors. Indeed there is barely an aspect of our doing which has not been strengthened and enhanced by the women of NFTS and their commitment to the ideals of our faith.

Please convey Allan's and my personal as well as institutional gratitude to all of the women of NFTS. The UAHC is fortunate to have an affiliate whose members are so devoted and caring. All of us salute the women of NFTS for their ongoing efforts in behalf of Reform Judaism and the Jewish people.

Be assured the \$93,500. contribution just received will be properly credited as per your letter of March 28.

With deepest appreciation and warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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March 28, 1991

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
President

Allan Goldman, Chairman  
UAHC Board

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

CC RMK  
w/checkboxs.  
3/29/91

Dear Alex and Allan:

Enclosed are our agency contributions to the UAHC for 1990/91 as follows:

1. \$82,500 in support of youth work (of which \$15,000 is designated for college youth and \$67,500 for NFTY).
2. \$6,000 for a legislative aide at the Religious Action Center.
3. \$5,000 for Reform Judaism.

We are pleased that this year we were able to sustain our contributions at the level of \$93,500 in relation to our on-going commitments.

As you know there are additional UAHC programs which receive NFTS support, although, they are generally in direct funding of some special activities such as the Religious School Teacher Training Institutes which are a partnership between the UAHC Regions and NFTS District Federations as well as the Department on Religious Education, some special grants to NFTY (we provided the NFTY Convention scholarship for the first young person from Alaska) -- just to name two.

As you know these contributions represent far more than the sum of money -- they represent the heartfelt commitment which the women of Reform Judaism feel toward our "parent congregation" and its essential program of service to our grassroots local congregations.

The same Sisterhoods that make this NFTS contribution possible are the ones that provide both spiritual and people support to their respective congregations as well as financial support specifically geared towards the religious school, the temple youth group, activities for seniors, meeting special needs of congregants -- the multifaceted areas for which women have a special concern.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

President

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MEMORANDUM

March 11, 1991

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
TO: Eleanor R. Schwartz

I really appreciate your openness in seeking to find a time for me to address the NFTS June Board Meeting. Unfortunately, I will be out of town that weekend and Monday is also out of the question. Please convey my deepest regrets to all of your Board members at my inability to be with them at this meeting. I am certain they all realize I do my best to greet them and meet with them whenever possible.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Memo from \_\_\_\_\_

Eleanor R. Schwartz  
Executive Director *ers*



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM  
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838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021-7046

Date March 8, 1991

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Subject Your Note About the NFTS Board Meeting

Of course we understand why you have to be at the FRJ meeting in Boston on Tuesday. Monday we're going to be down at HUC and we certainly would be delighted to have you speak with us at lunch time if that is convenient. Or - if by any chance you were planning to be in the city on Sunday and would wish to speak with us Sunday late afternoon, dinner or early evening that would be fine. Only I wouldn't want you to have to come into the city just for that but -- if you were planning to come in Sunday late anyway to be here at the crack of dawn on Monday - then maybe Sunday would be a little better for you - and for us there's a little more time.

But we will make time for you no matter what! Please give me your thoughts.

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*2/18*

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## MEMORANDUM

Date September 18, 1990

From Eleanor Schwartz *ew*

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler *NFTS*

Copy for information of Jane Evans

Subject Your Memo About Mary Constanza

I have seen her work and it is powerful. NFTS does not control the 5th Avenue windows, although, historically Jane was the one who handled the 5th Avenue windows. Jane was very involved and remains responsible today, but I don't know when a policy of only Jewish artists was established. It may be part of the conditions of the money left for the "Gallery."

But I do believe if the subject matter is Judaic, the art is powerful and in good taste, an exception can be made.

I believe it is especially relevant in this insistence if (persuming the art work is acceptable) it could be tied in with the re-emergence of our interreligious activities. It seems to me it would also provide a splendid PR opportunity since there is always a premiere showing.

As you see I am sending a copy of this to Jane because she is the only one who really knows the parameters of what can be in the windows.

ERS:bn



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MEMORANDUM

Copy

DATE: September 17, 1990  
FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
TO: Eleanor Schwartz  
COPY:

Somewhere in her travels, Rhea came across the work of a Mary Constanza. I know she is held in high esteem by Nancy Berman of the Skirball Museum. Rhea had an opportunity to chat with Ms Constanza, who is a Catholic who ~~was~~ so deeply moved by the Holocaust that it has affected much of her work. When Rhea mentioned our windows, she was told that Ms Constanza had been in touch but was told that the windows are used only to display work of Jewish artists. While <sup>2</sup>appreciate the reason for this, I do wonder why, on occasion, when a non-Jew creates work based on Jewish themes, we cannot have an exhibition of that work.

Is your rule hard and fast? You may want to give this matter a bit more thought for the future.



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August 1, 1990  
10 Av 5750

Ms Judith M. Hertz  
President  
Ms Eleanor Schwartz  
Executive Director  
NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Judy and Ellie:

You need not apologize for being late with the check. Your contribution is welcome whenever it is given and you always give it with so much graciousness.

Be that as it may, your check for \$5,000 has been transmitted to our accounting department and, of course, we are all grateful to you for helping us to publish Reform Judaism. I am glad that you like what this magazine has become and I share your view that it plays a significant role in strengthening the family of Reform Judaism.

Allan Goldman joins me in these expressions of our gratitude and admiration.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Allan B. Goldman



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August 1, 1990

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Allan B. Goldman  
Chairman of the Board

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

Dear Allan and Alex:

We apologize for not sending to you earlier, the enclosed check in the amount of \$5,000 which represents NFTS' contribution for the publication of Reform Judaism.

As you know it is our privilege to be part of making this publication available and we certainly would not wish the recent fiscal year of 1989/90 to go without receiving this expression of our admiration and respect for the publication and the important role it plays in strengthening the family of Reform Judaism.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

President

ERS:dw

enc.

MEMORANDUM


DATE: August 1, 1990  
FROM: Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
TO: Fred Cohen  
COPY:

The enclosed is self explanatory. It represents Sisterhood's contribution towards the publication of Reform Judaism.

NATIONAL FEDERATION  
OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

DETACH AND RETAIN THIS STATEMENT  
THE ATTACHED CHECK IS IN PAYMENT OF ITEMS DESCRIBED BELOW.  
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MEMORANDUM

May 26, 1990

From: Edith J. Miller

To: Robert M. Koppel

cc: Rabbi Allan Smith

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get check in bank  
today. Thank  
you

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ABB

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JUDITH M. HERTZ

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 23, 1990

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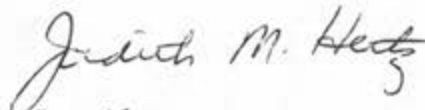
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Sincerely,

  
President

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May 25, 1990  
1 Sivan 5750

Judith M. Hertz, President  
National Federation of  
Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Judith:

The women of NFTS are a strong support in the work of our hands and our hearts. NFTS has always been generous in so many areas of our work, but most especially in terms of programs for our young people. We are all deeply appreciative of the sustenance we receive from NFTS, not merely in terms of financial assistance but in the planning and mounting of our manifold programs.

For the Union, for Allan Goldman, and personally, I convey heartfelt appreciation for the \$82,500. I have just received from NFTS for our youth work. It was especially gratifying to note the increase in the NFTS annual commitment for the 1989-90 youth programs. Please convey heartfelt thanks to all of the women of Sisterhood who labor with love to advance the ideals of our sacred cause.

We look forward to seeing you and Marty in Seattle. Until then, fondest regards and all good wishes. Have a lovely Shavuot.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

AMB  
ERF



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To: Robert M. Koppel

cc: Rabbi Allan Smith

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November 20, 1989  
22 Heshvan 5750

Ms. Judith Hertz  
200 East 71st Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Judy:

Mazal tov Madame President! The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is fortunate to have you at the helm. I am confident you will lead NFTS with care and concern, as well as great devotion. It will be a joy to have you back on the UAHC Board of Trustees for you always have much of worth to contribute to our deliberations.

The New Orleans experience is now behind us, but it still remains fresh in our memories. I am certain NFTS has had the same positive response to the convention as the UAHC. It was exciting and meaningful.

I thank you for your participation. You always stand ready to share of your time and talents and I know that we will have many opportunities to work together in behalf of our mutual sacred cause in the days to come.

Rhea and I join in sending fondest regards to you and Marty.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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March 28, 1989  
21 Adar II 5749

Ms. Barbara Duberstein  
P.O. Box 886  
Greens Farms, CT 06436

Dear Barbara:

I'm glad that you joined the "team." I hope that your association with NFTS will be fruitful and satisfying.

You have my good wishes for a successful career and life.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

3.17.89

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

I hope you will remember our interview at your home on Christmas Day, 1987. We discussed your position on American Jewish-Israel relations, if you recall.

I am writing you this note to inform you that I have been hired by NFTS as a staff executive for human relations. I am very excited about my work here, especially the opportunity to continue the work I started in college. I look forward to working in your organization. Barbara Duber

NFTS



*Rhea  
will check  
go downstairs?*

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March 30, 1989  
23 Adar II 5749

Dolores Wilkenfeld  
President, NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Dolores:

It was wonderful to receive your March 24 letter detailing the designation of the \$102,000 contribution from the Women of Reform Judaism toward the work of the UAHC. The generosity of NFTS has always provided a superb measure of support for critical programs and projects of the Union. In the light of difficult financial circumstances under which NFTS is now operating, we are doubly grateful for the contribution of NFTS. Please convey deepest appreciation to the Officers, Board of Directors and members of the NFTS from all of us of the Union.

Of course, the funds will be credited in accordance with your request.

To change the subject, it was great seeing you at the Solidarity Conference in Israel. I understand you returned to New York and flew out to Houston for Michael Walter's Bat Mitzvah prior to going to Boston for the ARZA National Assembly. Your schedule begins to look like mine - if not worse! And with it all, you always look composed, relaxed, refreshed. You are a marvel!

Again, heartfelt thanks to the Women of Reform Judaism for their continuing sustenance and support of our sacred cause.

With warm good wishes to you and Buddy for a sweet and happy Passover, and fondest regards, from Rhea, too, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Eleanor R. Schwartz



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ליהדות  
מתקדמת  
באמריקה

*From the desk of*

**RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER**

to: Edie

Please answer appropriately, although there were no checks enclosed. Please check that through with Ellie.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

March 28, 1989  
21 Adar II 5749

Mrs. Eleanor Schwartz

Thanks for sending up that most welcomed letter. I am deeply grateful to you.

Why didn't you stay around a bit. I would have loved to have chatted with you. I always have time for that. I know I was on the telephone but that would have taken only another minute.

Incidentally, the checks were not enclosed. I assume that you remitted them directly to our Accounting Department.

Acknowledgment will go to Dolores Wilzenfeld as well, of course.

Be well.



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DOLORES WILKENFELD

March 24, 1989

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
President

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

CC:

Allan B. Goldman, Chairman  
UAHC Board of Trustees

3/28/89

Dear Alex and Allan:

It is that time of year that NFTS is able to implement actions authorized by our leadership resulting from the fund raising efforts of the Women of Reform Judaism.

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors of NFTS, I am pleased to enclose five agency checks representing \$102,000 to be designated as follows:

I. From the Youth, Education and Sisterhood Projects (YES) Fund

1. \$80,000 covering the \$75,000 budgeted commitment and a plus contribution of \$5,000 in support of the UAHC youth program. By action of the Executive Committee it is designated as \$65,000 for high school youth and \$15,000 for college youth activities.
2. \$10,000 as a one-time gift to be used by the UAHC for a special event and/or other celebration activities to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of NFTY at the 1989 Biennial Assembly.
3. \$6,000 towards the salary of a Legislative Aide, Religious Action Center, Washington, DC serving as NFTS liaison.

II. From the NFTS Founders Endowment Fund

A \$1,000 contribution to co-sponsor the publication, in Russian, of a pamphlet about Reform and Progressive Judaism.

III. From the General Fund Budget of NFTS

\$5,000 towards the publication of REFORM JUDAISM.

Although NFTS is facing the most severe financial circumstances related to our General Fund income, we all feel very strongly that support for the publication REFORM JUDAISM is of prime concern and as an act of faith, while we are increasing our deficit, our leadership felt that this contribution was important.

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.. Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Allan B. Goldman  
March 24, 1989  
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We are also pleased that our family of Reform Judaism is adding the programmatic dimension to our advocacy role on behalf of Soviet Jewry and that NFTS is able to co-sponsor this important publication with the UAHC.

And, of course, our continued support for the UAHC Youth Department and the special allocation for the "NFTY is 50" represents the deep commitment that the Women of Reform Judaism have to temple youth. The splendid programs offered by the UAHC, particularly as they aid local congregations to provide a meaningful arena of activity and participation for high school youth within their own religious community, is of prime importance.

Each year we have striven to increase our support, and each year our efforts and our hopes have been realized. That same hope is in place for the future.

Sincerely,



President

DW:bn

cc: Albert Vorspan  
Rabbi David Saperstein  
Rabbi Allan Smith  
Robert Koppel (checks attached for fiscal year 1988/89)

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DOLORES WILKENFELD

121 N. Post Oak Lane #506  
Houston, Texas 77024  
January 1, 1989

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

Dear Alex:

As you will see from the subject matter of this letter, I am running very much behind on my correspondence and paper work, due to my heavy travel schedule this fall. I'm sure you have been just as busy, so I will make this brief.

Toward the end of the UAHC Board Meeting in Atlanta, my name was included for election to some sort of international "board" or "committee". (I don't even know the official name.) Because of the manner in which it was handled, I was not given the usual opportunity to know about it in advance or to be apprised of the responsibilities and obligations involved. Whatever information you can give me about this matter would be greatly appreciated, so that I can determine if this is an appropriate place for me to serve.

I hope this finds everything well with you. Buddy joins me in wishing you, Rhea, and your family a very good secular New Year.

Sincerely,

cc: Allan B. Goldman  
Eleanor R. Schwartz

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bcc: Ms. Jane Evans  
Mr. Joseph Bernstein

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NFTS

July 26, 1988  
12 Av 5748

Rabbi Jack D. Spiro  
Congregation Beth Ahabah  
1111 West Franklin Street  
Richmond, VA 23220

Dear Jack:

I appreciate your letter of July 21, sharing with me the art work our colleague, Bernard Honan, has created. It is always good to learn of special talents in our community.

The exhibits here at the UAHC are handled by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, as a matter of fact, Jane Evans is still involved in this aspect of her former directorship. Thus, I am sharing this letter with Jane so that she can be in touch with Bernard and discuss the possibilities of his work being displayed in our windows.

I will also share a copy of your letter with Joe Bernstein, the Director of our Department of Synagogue Management. Myron, as you undoubtedly know, has retired and Joe now handles that division, including the work of the Synagogue Art and Architecture Library. Perhaps it will be possible for him to see Bernard's work and determine if there is anything we can do to be of assistance in making known his work. We often get requests for calligraphers and it is possible that we will be able to steer people to Bernard Honan, once we have an opportunity to see samples of his art work.

Many thanks for bringing this to our attention. I hope all is well with you and I send you warmest regards, in which Rhea joins.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Dr. Jack D. Spiro, Rabbi  
Congregation Beth Ahabah  
1111 West Franklin Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23220

804/358-6757

cc: Joe Bernstein  
Jane Evans (NFTS)  
7/26/88

21 July 1988

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex:

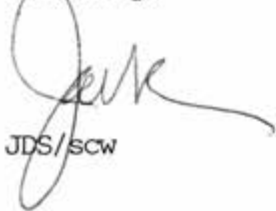
Bernard Honan has served as rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel in Charlottesville, VA for several years and has recently resigned. He just came in to see me and brought samples of his art work, and I was overwhelmed by the beauty of what he has created.

He has unique, creative designs of Ketuvot, Megillot, remarkable calligraphy, etc. I am certain you would be impressed if you saw his work. As an objective observer, without even a personal friendship at stake, I would encourage you to invite him for a showing of his work. I feel certain that his extraordinary talent can be put to good use in Jewish, and generally religious, art work.

His address is 69 Georgetown Green, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901, and his phone number is 804-978-7737.

Many thanks and warm regards.

Cordially,



JDS/scw

NFTS

July 5, 1988  
20 Tammuz 5748

Dolores Wilkenfeld  
President, NFTS  
121 North Post Oak Lane  
#506  
Houston, TX 77024

Dear Dolores:

The frenetic pace of events during the early part of June kept me from expressing thanks to you for confirming degrees in Cincinnati in behalf of the UAHC. Now, I can do so having read the text of your beautiful and very meaningful remarks to the Ordinees. You did us proud! Many, many thanks for representing us so well.

I've not yet read through the pages of your president's report to the NFTS board of directors but I am certain it, too, is a very important statement. I look forward to some quiet moments when I can peruse the full text.

From Ellie, I have learned that NFTS plans an increase in dues by \$3.00 per member. I wish you well in this realm. The sum you request is a small one but multiplied by the vast membership of NFTS it will certainly make a big difference in your budgeting. Good luck!

With fondest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

CC: Allan B. Goldman, Esq.

*memo*

From

Eleanor R. Schwartz,  
Executive Director



National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y. 10021

Date June 23, 1988

To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Subject I Believe You Asked For It!

Attached is a copy of Dolores' remarks to the ordinees at the Cincinnati ceremony. I think you will also be interested in reading Dolores' report to the NFTS Board of Directors when it met the first week in June.

As you will see from her report, there are many significant things that are affecting the future of NFTS--not the least of which the fact that in light of our current year's deficit of over \$60,000, and an anticipated deficit of \$108,000 for this coming year (which will totally bankrupt NFTS), the Board has recommended an increase in NFTS dues from \$5 per member to \$8 per member.

Of course, there is no guarantee that the assembly will adopt what appears to be such a radical increase, but we are going to give it our best try!

NFS  
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

June 6, 1988

Miss Jane Evans

WESTMINISTER SYNAGOGUE HOLOCAUST TORAH FUND

Edie shared with me your report on the request for \$250. from the Torah Fund and the fact that you were able to get \$125. from NFTS, thus making the Union's share but \$125. instead of the full \$250. requested! That's marvelous and I am grateful to you. In addition, it's nice that the names of both NFTS and the UAHC will be included on the roster of donors to the Fund as well as recipients of one of the Torah Scrolls.

The Scroll has been a part of our Chapel for many, many years, the least we can do is assist the Fund in their work!

Many thanks for handling this matter so beautifully!

NFTS

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

February 22, 1988

Eleanor R. Schwartz

Dolores Wilkenfeld

Thank you for your memo of February 18 in regard to the NFTS Diamond Jubilee Fund. I appreciate your having shared this information with me.

If the local Sisterhoods make the request everything will be fine. But, I do ask that NFTS as the national entity refrain from making requests for these funds as that might be hurtful to the MUM effort. I am certain you can appreciate the reason for this request.

Thank you, too, for the encouragement you have given me in regard to my statements on Israel. I am grateful.

All the best.

# memo

From

Eleanor Schwartz  
Executive Director

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National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y. 10021

Date February 18, 1988

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

cc: Dolores Wilkenfeld

Subject Sharing Information

I am sorry that you did not get my telephone messages -- the first two of which were left while you were in California. Among other things I wanted to tell you how proud I was of your courage and cosmic Jewish feelings which you conveyed in your statement about Israel. But the real purpose was a matter of business.

The NFTS Board of Directors has authorized an NFTS Diamond Jubilee Fund asking Sisterhoods to make contributions of \$75 or multiples in the name of their Sisterhood, and of course our present and former Board members will also be asked to make personal contributions.

Everybody has Birthday Funds and NFTS has serious need of some funds that will allow us to do certain types of additional programming including the possibility of videos to be used by our local Sisterhoods. Unfortunately our operating budget simply doesn't provide this.

The Fund is relatively low keyed and will be done within a relatively short span of time ending before the next Biennial.

From the discussions several of our Board members brought up the idea that their own congregations might wish to make modest contributions in honor of their own Sisterhood. Two of them have done so (\$50 for one and \$100 for the other). Because the local Sisterhood wants to suggest to its congregation that this be done, this adds a dimension which Dolores and I want you to know about.

I underscore that this is not a major thrust, whatever the Sisterhood would ask its congregation to do would be modest and in no way would impair any of the UAHC or HUC-JIR fund raising efforts or agreements.

ERS:bn

cc To ~~DW~~  
① Thanks for encouragement  
② If local Sisterhood asks, OK  
But national should refrain  
lest we hurt the HUM  
effort.  
Be well

NFTS

January 5, 1988  
15 Tevet 5748

Dear Ellie:

The compilation of important resolutions adopted by NFTS is simply wonderful. It's great to have them all in one set and I know that these resolutions will be a marvelous addition to our reference materials.

Many thanks for sharing these critical resolutions with me.

Fond regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz  
NFTS  
New York, NY

## MEMORANDUM

Date January 4th, 1988From Eleanor R. Schwartz *see*To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_

Subject The NFTS Index of Resolutions*acknowledged  
free*

To mark the NFTS 75th Anniversary, we have republished all of the resolutions dealing with great social issues adopted by NFTS since 1913. We are pleased to send a copy to you. I am sure you will find it fascinating as you skim through and we hope that you will keep it as part of your permanent reference library.

If the item is not useful to you after your first reading, then we would appreciate it if you would return it to us, since we published only a limited number and they are very important documents.

But - should you wish to keep it, you are most welcome to do so.



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November 30, 1987

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
President

Charles Rothschild, Jr.

Immediate Past Chairman, Board of Trustees

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

Dear Alex and Chuck:

There is something special about an anniversary to mark a proud record of accomplishments but it becomes even more special when the future promises vibrancy and challenge. That is the way the leaders of NFTS feel following the introduction of our 75th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago. It was, by objective standards, one of the most effective Biennial programs in recent years.

A great part of its effectiveness was the warm atmosphere created by our partnership with the UAHC and in particular the very gracious honor paid to the women of Reform Judaism by the Union.

On behalf of the officers of NFTS, Board members and the almost one thousand women of Reform Judaism who participated, we thank you for the gracious and generous spirited honor paid to us at the Sabbath luncheon.

Sincerely,

*Eleanor R. Schwartz*

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September 28, 1987  
5 Tishri 5748

Mrs. Dolores Wilkenfeld  
121 North Post Oak Lane  
# 506  
Houston, TX 77024

Dear Dolores:

Thank you for your gracious note. We will miss you at the Thursday, October 29 Board of Trustees meeting but can well appreciate the reason for your absence. We have so much to schedule in the briefddays of the NFTS/UAHC joint Biennial, somewhere along the line each of us has to miss some very special occasion. This time we all sufferffrom our inability to dance, so to speak, at two weddings.

Of course, we will be seeing each other on many,,many occasions during the Biennial. I particularly look forward to being with you at the very special Shabbat Luncheon when we will mark the 75th Anniversary of NFTS along with all of the Biennial delegates and guests.

With fondest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

CC: MS. SCHWARTZ



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DOLORES WILKENFELD

September 18, 1987

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
President

Charles Rothschild, Jr.  
Chairman, UAHC Board of Trustees

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

Dear Alex and Chuck:

As you undoubtedly know, on Thursday evening, October 29th the NFTS 75th Anniversary celebration banquet and program will take place. It is in a time period opposite that of the UAHC Board of Trustees meeting. Therefore, as you can well understand, I will be denied the opportunity of participating in the meeting.

Just as I will have to miss the Board of Trustees meeting because of this necessary but competing scheduling, so will both of you have to miss our special celebration. There will be more than compensation for this by the honors which the UAHC will bestow upon NFTS at the Sabbath Luncheon and our leadership understands the necessity for your absence during our celebration banquet and program.

However, I did not wish either of you to think that you are being overlooked and are not in the category of honored guests, many of whom, representing other institutions of Reform and Progressive Judaism will be present. We will make the appropriate explanation to the Assembly and I know that they will all anticipate the presence of the leadership of the Union when we gather together for our Sabbath Lunch.

Sincerely,

President

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*Jane Evans*

May 21, 1987

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

Dear Alex:

Because your departure for Russia is imminent we don't want to take the time for Dolores to add her own special words of appreciation, and so I am writing on her behalf as well as the entire NFTS Board of Directors.

Thank you for sharing your time with NFTS. We especially thank you for the insights which you provide and particularly when you become "our rabbi" reminding us how a Jew must face life's challenges.

We all wish you a wonderful trip. May you travel and return to us safely.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

ERS:bn

cc: Dolores Wilkenfeld

NFTS

April 16, 1987  
17 Nisan 5747

Mrs. Dolores Wilkenfeld  
President, NFTS  
121 North Post Oak Lane  
#506  
Houston, Texas 77024

Dear Dolores:

To you and Ellie and all of the women of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, heartfelt thanks. Your continued support of the many-faceted program of the UAHC means much to us all. You sustain us in so many ways, you are truly partners in our sacred cause and we are grateful for all your efforts.

I have advised the Youth Division, the Religious Action Center and the Reform Judaism directors of your wonderful grants which will enable the enrichment of their particular programs. You are indeed the kind of partner anyone would dream to have. We are blessed in having the superb support of NFTS in all that we do.

With heartfelt appreciation and warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz

P.S. I do hope Buddy is taking care of himself and feeling fit. My best to him.

# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
To Fred Cohen  
Copies Rabbis David Saperstein & Allan Smith; Aron Hirt-Manheimer  
Subject NFTS GRANTS

Date April 16, 1987

Enclosed herewith are three checks from the NFTS for the UAHC, each one is earmarked as follows:

NFTS #21143	\$2,000. for Eisendrath Intern at the RAC
NFTS #21163	\$75,000. 86-87 contribution for the support of youth work (College - \$12,500. ) (NFTY 62,500. )
NFTS #21164	\$5,000. 86-87 subsidy for <u>Reform Judaism</u>

Please credit these accordingly. Many thanks.





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April 15, 1987

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
President

Charles Rothschild, Jr.  
Chairman of the Board

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

Dear Alex and Chuck:

I am pleased to enclose three checks from the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods towards the 1986-87 budget of the UAHC.

Two checks, noted below, represent distributions from the Youth, Education and Sisterhood Special Projects (YES) Fund as authorized by the NFTS Executive Committee:

- 1) \$75,000.00 towards support of the Youth Dept. of which \$12,500.00 is designated for college youth and the remaining \$62,500.00 for the National Federation of Temple Youth.
- 2) \$2,000.00 towards the salary of an Eisendrath Intern at The Religious Action Center, Washington, DC.

We are pleased that the income of the YES Fund has permitted us to sustain the level of giving of the previous year, and we look forward to the coming year where there might even be the possibility of surpassing this level of support.

The third check is in the amount of \$5,000.00 and it comes from the NFTS General Fund and represents a subsidy towards the publication of the publication Reform Judaism.

As you know I do believe most strongly that Sisterhood is a full partner in strengthening the congregation and that NFTS is an equally full partner in working with the UAHC. Thus it is always a pleasure to implement the philosophy of partnership with practical expressions of accomplishments.

Sincerely,

*Dolores*  
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December 9, 1986  
7 Kislev 5747

Ms. Dolores Wilkenfeld  
President, NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY. 10021

Dear Dolores:

It was wonderful to have you with us for the Union Board meeting, you always have much of value to contribute to our discussions.

Your report was excellent and all of us of the Union are deeply grateful to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for the wonderful increase in its contribution to the Union for our Youth work. We truly appreciate the increase to a gift of \$70,000. per year and will, of course, reserve \$12,500. of that sum to be earmarked for college age activities, per your request. NFTS is a source of sustenance and strength financially and programmatically, we gain so much from all that NFTS is and does. Know that we are beholden to all of you individually and well as collectively.

With fond regards and all good wishes to the women of NFTS, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

  
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DOLORES WILKENFELD

December 8, 1986

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
President

Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.  
Chairman, UAHC Board

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

Dear Alex and Chuck:

Although I will have had the opportunity to share this information with you and the Board of Trustees at the meeting just concluded, I wanted to formalize an action taken by the NFTS Executive Committee which met December 2nd and 3rd.

Effective with the UAHC's next fiscal year which commences July 1, 1987 please include in your budget the formal commitment from NFTS to contribute \$70,000 annually to the UAHC for youth work. Of this sum \$12,500 is to be designated for college age activities.

As has been our custom throughout the years we have always aspired to, and achieved, contributions above the formal commitment and we have every expectation that this will continue to happen. We do believe however that it is important for the UAHC's budgetary process to know that you can count on NFTS for no less than \$70,000 per year.

Sincerely,



President

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*All done*

*NFTS*

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October 7, 1986  
4 Tishri 5747

Miss Eleanor R. Schwartz  
Executive Director, NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Ellie:

Many thanks to you and Dolores for the invitation to address the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. I accept with delight.

I'll be at a meeting out of the office on December 2 and therefore plan to join you at lunch on Wednesday, December 3. My calendar is marked accordingly and I look forward to being with you and the leadership of NFTS.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mrs. Dolores Wilkenfeld



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October 2, 1986

*Accept*

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

Dear Alex:

I am writing on behalf of Dolores who would be so pleased if you could speak to the NFTS Executive Committee when it meets in December. Lunch would be a perfect time on either Tuesday, December 2nd or Wednesday, December 3rd, based on your convenience.

Lunch will be at 12:30 PM and we would be delighted if you could join us but would understand that you may prefer to come at 1:00 PM.

The topic is your choice.

Dolores (and I join her) very much hopes that you will be able to say yes.

Sincerely,

*Eleanor R. Schwartz*

Executive Director

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cc: Dolores Wilkenfeld

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

September 25, 1986

Eleanor R. Schwartz

NFTS

Thank you for your memo of the 23rd in regard to NFTS reports to the Board and Executive Committee. You and Dolores are correct and we appreciate your having called our attention to the fact that she has not yet given a report to our leadership. I've shared your memo with Chuck and Danny and assure you we will seek to correct the oversight.

Regards.

P.S. Thank you, too, for your full report on NFTS Discussions on programming for singles.

# memo

From

Eleanor Schwartz  
Executive Director



National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y. 10021

Date September 23, 1986

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Subject A Private PS for You

When Dolores indicated to me that she wanted me to communicate with you and Chuck she also privately said to me that she felt the time was also right (referring to the December UAHC Board of Trustees meeting) for her to be invited to speak to the UAHC Board. She has not been asked to give a report at any of the Executive Committee meetings or at the Union Board up until now and her Presidency is approaching the end of its first year.

The focus which she mentioned relates to discussions which we held with you and Chuck several months ago and in fact was your suggestion I believe -- namely ---- to talk about the partnership role of the Sisterhood in the congregation.

Can you arrange this for the coming agenda?

Many thanks.

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*Share w/ CJP + Anne Syne -*  
*Tell her I did so, & am in*  
*agreement with her.*

NFTS

July 31, 1986  
24 Tammuz 5746

Mrs. Dolores Wilkenfeld  
121 North Post Oak Lane # 506  
Houston, TX 77024

Dear Dolores:

This is the first opportunity I have had to write and express to you and Ellie and the women of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods my heartfelt appreciation for underwriting the renovation of our lobby Sisterhood lounge. The room looks simply beautiful, once again a lovely and welcoming area for people to wait when they are visiting someone here at the UAHC House of Living Judaism. It's nice to have the room back in order, in cheerful, soft and warm colors -- it's really very beautiful.

Please convey my appreciation, as well as the appreciation of the entire UAHC for this additional evidence of support from NFTS. We are indeed grateful for all that NFTS is and all that it does.

With warm regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Ms. Eleanor Schwartz



Co-Director: ALBERT VORSPAN  
Co-Director & Counsel:  
RABBI DAVID SAPERSTEIN

NFTS

June 19, 1986

Dolores Wilkenfeld  
Eleanor Schwartz  
NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Delores and Ellie,

Permit me to express my sincere gratitude for the generous gift of the NFTS to our internship program. Over the years, the sustained commitment of the Sisterhoods to the internship program has made it possible for scores of talented and committed young people in our program to effect their lives and touch the movement with their work and efforts.

But I was particularly moved to see that at a time of fiscal restraint for the entire Union family including NFTS you have doubled your gift to \$2,000 this year as an expression of our intention to work for the day when we will have a full-time "Sisterhood intern" at the Center. Nothing would please me more.

Please share with your National Board and leadership my thanks, as well as Al's and Harris' -- and, most importantly, that of the interns -- for this gift.

May both of you and NFTS continue from strength to strength.

Warmly,

David Saperstein

cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Al Vorspan, Harris Gilbert, Rabbi Jack Stern,  
Rabbi Joe Glaser and Judith Hertz

## MEMORANDUM

Date May 14, 1986From Eleanor SchwartzTo Rabbi Alexander SchindlerCopy for information of Dolores WilkenfeldSubject Your Speaking to the NFTS Board

Thanks so much for your nice note. I especially appreciated your personal comment.

Unless some other issue really comes up I think one of the most important things to talk about is the Orthodox dialogue. I've just read your speech and it is splendid. In a sense this is one of the important issues. But Dolores will be pleased if you talk about anything.

Along with the major issue point it certainly would be helpful to mention some of the things that are on the horizon for the UAHC. We have invited Al to talk to us about social action issues so you would know what the arena is from which to pick and choose.

You are a darling.

ERS:bn

May 5, 1986  
26 Nisan 5746

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Noon

Ms. Eleanor Schwartz  
NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Ellie:

Thank you for the gracious invitation to address the National Board of Directors of NFTS. I am grateful to you and Dolores for this invitation and am happy to accept.

I have reserved the noon hour on Monday June 2, 1986 to join the Board for luncheon. I will be pleased to address my remarks to any issue you and Dolores feel is most pressing. I know you indicated the choice of focus is mine, but give me a clue as to what you believe your Board Members would be most interested in hearing from me.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Dolores Wilkenfeld



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May 1, 1986

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

Dear Alex:

I am writing on behalf of Dolores Wilkenfeld, President, to invite you to speak with the NFTS Board of Directors during its annual meeting. The meetings will span a three-day period, Sunday, June 1, Monday, June 2 and Tuesday, June 3.

Dolores would be very pleased if you could join the Board for luncheon either Monday or Tuesday, selecting a time that is convenient for you. Luncheon will be served both days at 12:30.

We would appreciate it if you would focus on the significant issues facing the UAHC, Reform Judaism or the world. Your choice.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

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cc: Dolores Wilkenfeld

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April 25, 1986  
16 Nisan 5746

Mrs. Dolores Wilkenfeld  
President, NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Dolores:

Many thanks to you and the women of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for your most recent contribution of \$82,000. towards the work of the Union. Your generosity is a source of strength and sustenance and we are deeply grateful for all that NFTS is and all that it does.

The funds are being credited in accordance with the instructions in your covering letter of April 22. I know I speak for Chuck and for all of the Departments involved in expressing heartfelt appreciation for your ongoing support.

With every good wish add fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Eleanor R. Schwartz

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

April 23, 1986

Fred Cohen

Robert Koppel; Rabbi Allan Smith; Albert Vorspan

CHECKS FROM NFTS

Enclosed herewith are three checks from NFTS totalling \$82,000. They represent special contributions to the work of the UAHC from NFTS to be credited as follows:

- 1/ \$75,000. for the work of the Youth Division with instructions to earmark \$12,500. for College Youth and the balance for NFTY.
- 2/ \$5,000. towards the publication of REFORM JUDAISM.
- 3/ \$2,000. towards the salary of an intern at the Religious Action Center.

Please credit accordingly. Thanks.

NOTE: AL

This is a 100% increase over previous allocations and the note of transmittal from Dolores Wilkenfeld notes NFTS hopes that in the not too distant future they will be able to cover a complete salary for an intern.



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April 22, 1986

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
President

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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

Dear Alex and Chuck:

I am very pleased to enclose three checks from NFTS totalling \$82,000, designated as follows:

1. A contribution of \$75,000 towards the work of the Youth Department, with \$12,500 earmarked for college youth, the balance for the work of NFTY.
2. A contribution of \$5,000 towards the publication of Reform Judaism.  
Following our recent conversation and reflecting the interests of our leaders, I believe that this topic deserves some further discussion towards achieving a more satisfactory participatory role for NFTS.
3. A contribution of \$2,000 towards the salary of an intern at the Religious Action Center, Washington, DC. This represents a 100% increase over previous allocations and of course we are pleased. Our goal is to reach the point, some day in the not distant future, of being able to cover the complete salary of an intern.

The contributions for youth work and the Religious Action Center intern come through local Sisterhood support of the Youth, Education and Sisterhood Special Project (YES) Fund. They represent the commitment of thousands of Sisterhood women who are dedicated to strengthening Reform Judaism, in particular the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its splendid program.

We are very pleased that we have been able to sustain these contributions, as well as increasing that for the intern, notwithstanding some challenging problems resulting from the change in the NFTS fiscal year as well as the ever increasing pressure on local Sisterhoods from their congregations for financial support.

The NFTS Executive Committee, which has the responsibility to disburse the income of the YES Fund, joins me in saying how pleased we are to continue the financial aspects of our partnership role.

Sincerely,

*Dolores*  
President

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# A WORLD OF WOMEN

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The United Nations End of Women's Decade  
Non-Governmental Forum, July 10-19, 1985  
and Governmental Conference, July 15-26, 1985

One Representative's Point of View  
by Norma U. Levitt

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NGO REPRESENTATIVE  
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This edition of the report has been extracted from a slightly longer one which includes some special items of Jewish interest.

Norma U. Levitt is a President of the World Conference on Religion and Peace.

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One Representative's Point-of-view  
by Norma U. Levitt\*  
NGO Representative,  
World Union for Progressive Judaism

"There's a lot of power in this group", said one young woman en route to Nairobi on a plane crowded with women. Women from the four corners of the world and from every race, creed, national and ethnic background travelled to Nairobi, Kenya in July 1985 for the United Nations End of Women's Decade Non-Governmental Forum (Forum '85), and the Governmental Conference.

On planes loaded with representatives of many organizations a bonding process began with the exchange of names, addresses and interests. A young filmmaker exercised in the aisle under the guidance of a physical therapist. A Jewish NGO representative talked with a young black woman whose trip to Africa was a long-held dream come true. An older woman, a Professor of Education in Bermuda, troubled by heart pains during the long-delayed plane departure, was helped into a wheelchair by a young United States woman she had just met. Each person had a story to tell, one hemming edges of embroidered strips of cloth from Mozambique and laying plans to help rural African women to market handcrafts, a Jewish woman defining Zionism to a black woman. These first encounters on the plane were later reinforced by smiling recognition as the travelers met each other by chance through the following days.

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\* Honorary President, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and Representative of Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organization, a U.S. organization.

In Nairobi

Ten thousand women from over 150 nations! Some were in boldly printed long African skirts with wrapped head-dresses, others in jeans and T-shirts or gold-edged saris; short dresses, straw hats and headbands across the forehead made for a richly-hued tapestry of women.

Two meetings followed each other with some overlapping days: the Non-Governmental Forum '85 with representatives of organizations and citizen groups, from July 10 through July 19; and the Governmental Conference with official delegations chosen to represent their governments, from July 15 through July 26. Reported numbers were: over 10,000 at the Forum; at the Conference over 2,000 delegates from 159 countries (8 of them nations that are not members of the UN), 1,300 media people, 600 accredited Non Governmental Organization (NGO) representatives in consultative status with the UN. The purpose of both the Forum and the Conference was to assess the achievements and failures of the last ten years and to plot strategies through the year 2000.

The NGO Forum, a volatile gathering of diverse women with even more diverse interests, opened at the Kenyatta Conference Centre in the middle of the city, a large and handsome structure built to recall a many-sided tent. The remaining sessions of Forum '85 met at the University of Nairobi in classroom buildings, on the great lawn, or in buildings adjacent to the University complex. One area was called "Tech and Tools" with exhibits of technology appropriate to the needs of many women especially of the Third World. Another building was the Christian Leadership Centre. In a nearby Lutheran Church, a center for celebrations and dialogue was organized for women of all faiths: its name was the Swahili word for "Welcome", KARIBU.

### Queues

Security check-points were set up at the two open entrances to the University grounds. Long lines of participants moved slowly and patiently every day through specially-constructed wooden frames, as handbags and briefcases were placed on tables to be searched by women guards, while other police used beeper devices for body scans. Hotel entrances were also blocked for similar searches. Delegates passed daily through five or six security checks.

Lines also inched forward past tables where advance registration papers were exchanged for delegate name buttons with the Decade insignia of a dove of peace. Women moved slowly up narrow university stairways to stand for hours in hallways outside classrooms too packed to hold Workshop attendees.

The frustration of queues escalated at hotel desks when participants with confirmed registrations were told there were no rooms available because of the unexpected number of people attending Forum '85; government delegates were given priority for the scarce hotel housing. After several days during which many women took up week-long residence in University dormitories and other women were promised a bed for only one night at a time, large groups of NGOs negotiated with Kenyan officials to establish a pattern when necessary of three or four women in a room.

### Workshops and Other Activities

The thousands of NGOs were soon caught up in the excitement of an unequalled world meeting of women, each with special agendas, differing experiences and distinct tasks. Opening Day ceremonies on July 10th brought overflow crowds to the Kenyatta Conference Centre to hear Kenyan officials and Dame Nita Barrow, Convener of Forum '85.

Participants joined in singing the Forum theme song and African songs. In closing his speech, the Kenya Minister for Culture and Social Services said, "We women of the world (as I have now come to think) will overcome."

A daily newspaper reported highlights and human interest stories, announcements of changed schedules and coming events. Rapid word-of-mouth in crowded quarters speeded the passing of information. The listing of 1,000 different Workshops filled many pages of two program booklets, including the themes of the Decade: Equality, Development, Peace; as well as sub-themes of health, education, employment. Subjects were as varied as the wide scope of human interests, among them: Environment and Water, Children and the Family, Communication Skills, Business Building, Battered Women and the relationship of Domestic Violence to the Absence of Peace, Assertiveness Training, Older and Young Women, Employment and Economic Justice, Payment of Women for Domestic Work, Health and Education Needs, Poverty and Women, Refugee Problems, Peace. Former U.S. Congresswoman Bella Abzug ran a Workshop called "What If Women Ruled the World?" American feminist Betty Friedan conducted dialogues on women's issues under an immense tree on the university lawn.

The Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations conducted a Workshop on Child Care. Organized from the United States, Norma Levitt was the chair and Barbara Leslie described the HIPPY Program in Israel, an acronym for Home Instruction for Parents and Pre-School Youth. Panelists were Eva Sussman from the U.S., Professor of Early Childhood Education; Rebecca Nyonyintono from Uganda who now is working in Kenya. She is a social psychologist who had attended a HIPPY training course in Israel and spoke of replicating the program in Kenya; and Mary Busharizi of Kenya, who conducts a program for children deprived of families. Vigorous discussion followed among the 85 attendees. Many African women asked

for Eva Sussman's address, to write for advice. Appropriately, two Kenyan babies smiled from the safety of their mothers' arms.

In a Workshop on Continuing Dialogue between U.S. and U.S.S.R. women, there was a period of confrontation. After three hours of discussion, during which the issue of the rights of Soviet Jewry was kept on the agenda, finally a Russian woman promised a Jewish woman from Holland that she would work toward gaining exit permission for a Soviet Jewish refusenik. News of this success spread rapidly through the network of Jewish women.

Apartheid was a key issue for heated discussions and demonstrations against it. Highlighted also was the plight of women in the Third World. They handle not only domestic chores and care for children but also walk miles each day to fetch water and firewood as well as to grow subsistence food for their families on land that is owned by men. When the men, who control the marketing of cash crops, leave for cities to seek jobs, rural women are left alone in worse poverty. Priorities for Third World women are the basic needs: food, health care, clean water, clothing and shelter.

Hours were spent in dialogue among women of vastly different national and religious backgrounds, whether from the U.S. and U.S.S.R., Afghanistan, Palestine, Israel, Egypt or from any other part of this troubled world. There was dialogue, too, between fundamentalist Moslem women wearing the veil and those who, while adhering to the faith of Islam, were of more modern persuasion. French, English, Spanish and Swahili interpreters worked furiously.

With the best will in the world and the greatest energy as well as interest, no one person could possibly attend every activity presented. In addition to workshops and demonstrations, there were film presentations, handcraft exhibits, song and dance celebrations, poetry readings and theatre performances, and a Peace Tent on campus in which some battles took place between women of Iran and Iraq as

well as between Jewish and Palestinian women. Gala receptions were given by many government delegations and some NGOs. Travel into the countryside to meet with and see the life of women in rural areas was an added learning opportunity.

While space will not permit naming all the distinguished women who were in attendance in Nairobi, three are particularly significant: Dame Nita Barrow of Barbados, Convener of the NGO Forum '85; and for the UN Governmental Conference, Leticia R. Shahani of the Philippines as Secretary General and Margaret Kenyatta of Kenya who was elected its President.

It was impossible to ignore the tensions of the contemporary world, especially when women from so many nations and backgrounds gathered. There were periods of heated confrontation. Too frequently, Palestinian women, concentrating on their own frustrations and strategies, interrupted Workshop dialogues and presentations with their agenda, whether relevant or not. Interestingly enough, Third World women joined both Jewish and non-Jewish representatives from North, South, East and West in stopping the interruptions and maintaining the main focus of the Decade themes.

#### Jewish Community, Other Jewish Concerns

Among the Jewish representatives were women from many different countries. They had been shocked by the equation of Zionism with racism at the Opening Conference in Mexico City in 1975. At Copenhagen in 1980 at the mid Decade, vituperation against Jewish women had been unrelieved and the denunciation of Israel over the Palestinian issue had brought the Conference to a virtual standstill. Determined to defend themselves and Israel, as well as to make the 1985 Conference both successful and more harmonious, Jewish women prepared themselves through the last five years. There were training

sessions in parliamentary procedures and in dealing with the media, exchanges with government officials and delegations, meetings with non-Jewish agencies and umbrella Jewish groups, education and documentation about women round the world and ways to help them. At Forum '85, exchanges between Arab and Jewish women ranged from hostility to in depth personal dialogue, with a movement toward willingness to listen to each other.

Jewish representatives met daily at 1:00 PM at the Jewish Community Centre in Nairobi, Vermont Hall, to exchange experiences and discuss strategies for handling confrontations. They attended Sabbath Eve Services and a following Oneg Shabbat at the Synagogue, as well as conducting a special Sabbath morning service open to all at the Karibu (Welcome) Centre. Following the pattern of the Jewish National Fund, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS) provided certificates for the purchase of trees. Led by Constance Kreshtool, President of NFTS, and Norma Levitt, who were joined by Jewish women from other organizations and countries, trees were planted at a school as part of the Green Belt Movement, a reforestation project of Kenyan women.

#### The Land

Animals at Amboselli National Park;  
Women and UNICEF

Traveling long hours in a minibus through Kenya makes vivid the vast dryness of the land. "Getting there" is part of the experience.

On a day's trip to Amboselli National Park near the border of Tanzania, there were seen tall, thin Masai men wrapped in rusty red blankets, walking across the dusty plain, where mirages of water hover over the earth. Masai women carried bundles on their heads, bearing themselves proudly. In the swamp lands surrounding the region of Lake Amboselli many animals came to graze. During a single day were seen:

eagles, vultures, gazelles, ostriches, zebras, jackals, wildebeest, waterbucks, elephants with their young, giraffes and lions.

On another day's trip to projects of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the effects of the dry land were visible in the deprivation of people's lives. James Grant, Director of UNICEF since 1980, in a briefing for NGOs and governmental delegates at the Kenyatta Conference Centre, spoke about the Implications for Women of Child Survival and Development Issues. At Copenhagen, he said, there was little discussion of the impact of children on women. Since then, the global recession, drought and starvation have grimly affected the Third World. In the intervening years, UNICEF has broadened its range of activities for women, who will carry the responsibility of what is called the Child Survival Development Revolution. Underutilized technologies are being rediscovered under the acronym GOBI: G for growth monitoring of children, to determine whether they are malnourished; O for Oral Rehydration Therapy, a simple formula of sugar and salt in water which, within hours, restores life to a child dying of dehydration caused by diarrhea; B for breast feeding instead of bottled formula which is often prepared with polluted water; I for immunization, to save 5 million children a year from death and an additional 5 million from permanent crippling. And what are the benefits for women? The average child in a low-income family in Africa is sick 160 days a year which means that, in a family of four, one child is always sick and in need of care as well as money which is not available for medicine. The Child Survival Development Revolution gives to women a set of practices to cut serious illness by two-thirds. The goal of UNICEF is universal immunization against six crippling, killing diseases by the year 1990.

The trip to UNICEF-funded projects brought to life the facts of desperation which fill written reports. Victor, a Kenyan specializing in appropriate technology, who had helped to set up the project to be

visited, drove a UNICEF van two hours to the village of Kola in the district of Machakos. Part of the way up hillside roads, strewn with rock and through dusty red clay soil, Joshua Mukusya, Director of the project, met the van. Leading the visit, he explained with passion the pressing needs for clean water, sanitation, food production, health, soil conservation and income generation. He is filled with determination to overcome obstacles and to inspire the people to work hard toward specific goals.

In 1983 and 1984, there was famine and drought in the area, and it was called the Place of Hunger. Cattle and chickens died, some people died and others in desperation thought they must leave. The Ministry of Transport provided some water and in 1984, the rains came. The average family income is 500 Kenyan shillings per year, a little over \$30.00. Joshua's goal is nearly 10,000 shillings per year, over \$500.00.

Boy Scouts from England were working in the village for three weeks, building water tanks. Two scouts worked side by side with two villagers on each tank. Working from six AM to nine PM under Joshua's driving leadership, they had built ten water tanks in two days, with a goal of 60 tanks in 21 days.

In about three months 58 tanks had been built. Each holds 3,000 gallons collected from rain on roof catchments and pipes. Joshua's plan is to reach 400 families with clean available water instead of relying on a three hour walk by women to collect polluted water. It should be noted that the average Kenyan family is from eight to ten persons, so his goal was to aid several thousand people.

Victor's appropriate technology was visible in the village through the building of V.I.P.'s. This acronym is for ventilated improved pits for latrines, often timber-enclosed. A cement floor surrounds a hole; a pipe allows the wind to take the odor from underground to the outside. Flies are caught in the wire mesh of the pipe, reducing contamination and disease.

At the village market, held twice a week, women were selling pots, baskets, clothes and produce. Each woman continued her basket-weaving as she walked or sat in front of her products. The small headquarters of this village's UNICEF project was a building filled with seeds, cement, small fuel-efficient stoves and baskets for sale. Joshua listed the nine project departments: storage, food production, livestock, water conservation, social problems (break-up of families), soil conservation and tree planting, family health, income generation, and technology. It is called the Utooni Development Project, covering 70 kilometers surrounding the village of Kola.

Walking down a hillside and along a dry river bed, we visitors saw an unforgettable sight: some 30 women in brightly colored dresses and headscarves, carrying baskets of sand collected for cement-mixing and singing together to ease their task. We stood on top of the unfinished wall of a dam, faced by the African women. A conversation was held through Joshua as translator: first introductions, then urgent questions and statements from the women. They said, "We need food for ourselves and our children. What will you do?" We answered with a pledge of support to raise money for UNICEF and admiration for their work and singing. We promised to tell their story. The response to our remarks was applause and a high call with pointed tongues wagging back and forth in open mouths, a sound which resembled "lululululu." After goodbyes, the women trudged on with their heavy baskets and continuing to sing. They left an indelible memory of dryness, colored cloth, decaying teeth in smiling, seamy dark faces -- women of Africa working, working, working.

#### The Government Conference Document

History was made at the Government Conference in Nairobi by ameliorating United Nations attitudes against Zionism. Israel was

determined to eliminate the listing of Zionism as an obstacle to peace and the advancement of women. Nevertheless, as the head of the Israeli delegation, Sarah Doron, began to speak, dozens of delegates chanting "Zionists go home. Palestine! Palestine!" marched out of the UN Governmental Conference. They returned after she finished.

On the day before the end of the Conference there was little hope that there would be a universally-accepted document, "unless there's a miracle", as one negotiator said. Both the U.S., under the leadership of Maureen Reagan as head of its delegation, and Israel had threatened to vote against the document if Zionism was cited. Kenya had offered a substitute that deplored "all other forms of racism and racial discrimination." Probably it is true that the adoption of this amendment had depended on some delegates interpreting the new wording as still alluding to Zionism. After its adoption Alan Keyes of the U.S. delegation stressed that no amount of repetition would render the lie that "Zionism is racism" truthful. Many booed and hissed from the floor, whether because of the timing of his remarks or in disagreement. The final marathon session lasted through the night until early morning. The Conference ended on a note of unity and a sense of commonality with the adoption of the document that no longer equated Zionism with racism. Twenty-one hundred government delegates burst into applause and continued clapping in unison.

While 1985 marks the End of the Women's Decade, strategies were explored to be carried through the rest of this century. The Decade has increased awareness of the state of the world's women as well as of a powerful international women's movement which deals largely with non-political problems faced by women and offers long-term strategies for overcoming them. The final document, "Forward-Looking Strategies" until the year 2000, contains more than 350 paragraphs. Two new resolutions were approved calling for the United Nations Development Program to spend five percent of its budget on projects specifically

related to women. Another resolution urged governments to increase contributions to the United Nations Development Fund for Women, formerly called the Voluntary Fund. The document will be most useful to women of the developing countries, especially rural women.

Resolutions were also approved urging governments in estimating their gross national products, to place an economic value on the unremunerated contributions of women, such as child-bearing, keeping house and raising crops. Recommendations also included "equal pay for work of equal value", government funding of women's organizations, accessible child care and flexible work schedules for working parents, legislation to provide minimum wage standards and insurance. Water was the basis for a call on governments to "relieve the burden placed on women by the task of fetching water" (often six hours a day in the Third World) by constructing wells, boring holes, building dams and other water-collecting devices.

Despite parliamentary manipulation, bitter vituperation and political rhetoric, the Governmental Conference did end in unity. The final document is non-binding and will be submitted to the United Nations General Assembly for approval along with 150 resolutions; nevertheless it has symbolic value as a world mandate for change for women's participation and equality in the political and economic systems. Implementation will depend on individual nations.

#### Companions On The Journey Of Years

At the meeting were thousands of women who had worked together through five or more years. Greeting each other, supporting mutual efforts, recalling events -- everywhere there were familiar faces for those who had undertaken the challenging journey to Nairobi. Women who, if not known personally, were names that had become or would be companions through the years. We had been and were sharers in a unique, stimulating, often difficult adventure.

In Conclusion  
A New Wind Blowing

Perhaps there is a new wind blowing. Ten years ago only a scattered number of women believed that their relationship to special issues should receive separate attention. At the End of Decade Women's Conference in Nairobi in 1985, there was a change of emphasis. Africa, a continent desperate for development, exercised its influence not only through its needs but through the dignity of its women. They do not want their problems obscured by the political fights of governments over territorial or other rights. The Decade has changed the awareness of women, and women have changed themselves as they aim to change the world. "Harambee" is the word stressed in Kenya, "Together".

It is easy to think of a women's conference of the magnitude of Nairobi as being of significance only to women, even though the 2,020 government delegates included 357 men. On the contrary, the enlarged understanding of world issues created an enduring experience. Nairobi was and is a possible lasting contribution to the advancement of humanity in all its perplexing national, societal and personal tragedies.

In a Workshop on Environment, Professor Wangari Matthai, the first woman veterinarian in Kenya and a Professor at the University of Nairobi, noting world interdependence, quoted an African proverb, "The problems of the dry wood to be put on the fire are the problems of the green wood to be dried. The problems of the poor are the problems of the rich. The problems of women are the problems of men."

The Forum concluded with closing celebrations on the great lawn of the University, thousands and thousands of women sitting on the grass, calling "sit down" to men, listening and cheering Dame Nita Barrow, watching dancers from many villages, singing, clapping together, "Harambee".

"The women of the world have won, and even the UN in spite of itself", said Rosario Manalo, a Filipino delegate who headed one of the two Conference drafting committees. "And it took women to do it."

Strangers before, colleagues now through efforts of the Decade, are marching forward. The journey to Nairobi continues into the future.

NFTS

June 21, 1985

Mrs. Bernard Kreshtool  
711 Coverly Road  
Wilmington, DE 19802

Dear Connie:

We are truly grateful to the women of NFTS for having authorized an expenditure of up to \$10,000 to help refurbish the Sisterhood Lounge in the House of Living Judaism. This generous gift is but another manifestation of the care and concern Sisterhood has for the Union and every facet of our programs and day-to-day undertakings.

You are correct, a refurbishing of the Sisterhood Lounge is long overdue. It is a place which honors the work of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and it should be a place of beauty and elegance, as it was in bygone days. With this wonderful gift from NFTS it will be possible to bring the Sisterhood Lounge back to a place of which we can all be proud.

With fondest regards and every good wish, we are

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

cc: Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz

NFTS

June 12, 1985

Mrs. Bernard Kreshtool, President  
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Connie:

I am writing in behalf of the UAHC, Chuck Rothschild, and myself to express heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful check in support of the Union's youth programs. This generous gift of \$75,000.00 for the 1984/85 fiscal year of the Union is heartening. We recognize that it is an increased gift from the YES Fund and we are deeply grateful to the devoted workers of NFTS. Please convey our heartfelt thanks to one and all.

As requested, we will earmark \$12,500 for the College Youth Program and the balance of \$62,500 for the work of the North American Federation of Temple Youth. The work of our hands and our hearts is strengthened by you and the women of NFTS.

With fond regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz

bc: Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

Edith J. Miller

June 12, 1985

Fred Cohen

Enclosed herewith is a check for \$75,000.00 from the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. This is in support of the UAHC Youth program. As noted on the check stub, \$12,500 is earmarked for the College Youth Department and the balance of \$62,500 is marked for the work of the National Federation of Temple Youth. This is a gift from the YES Fund of NFTS and a thank you will go from this office.



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT      CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

June 11, 1985

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler,  
President

Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.  
Chairman of the Board

Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Alex and Chuck:

I am very pleased to enclose a check in the amount of \$75,000 for support of the UAHC youth program. Of this sum \$12,500 is earmarked for the College Youth program and the balance of \$62,500 is marked for the work of the National Federation of Temple Youth.

This contribution from NFTS is for the UAHC's fiscal year which concludes June 30th, 1985. It represents an increase over the previous contributions, a pattern that we hope will continue as we intensify our efforts to secure Sisterhood support for the Youth, Education and Sisterhood Special Projects (YES) Fund.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

President

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

May 23, 1985

Robert Koppel

Miss Eleanor Schwartz; Miss Jane Evans

You will be delighted to learn, Bob, that Sisterhood is seriously contemplating the refurbishing of the Sisterhood lounge on the lobby floor. This comes at a fortuitous time especially in the light of the fact that we have allocated limited funds for the refurbishing of the building as a whole so that the possible added contribution by Sisterhood will enable us to do an even better job. Moreover, as you know, Harris Gilbert is making some changes in the lobby itself as mandated by the Security Committee of our Board of Trustees.

As I understand it, Jane has already undertaken some inquiries along these lines. Please coordinate your efforts with hers as quickly as possible and make certain that she will have an interior decorator's recommendations in hand so that whatever Sisterhood does will fully harmonize with our own plans.

WFS  
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

May 23, 1985

Ms. Eleanor Schwartz

Thank you for keeping me posted on your visit with Mrs. Perlman from South Africa. This is very helpful information and I hope that you will continue to keep me apprised of this important issue.

# memo

From

Eleanor R. Schwartz  
Executive Director



National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y. 10021

Date May 17, 1985

To Constance Kreshtool, Dolores Wilkenfeld, Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Subject A South African visitor

Two weeks ago I received a telephone call from the U.S. Information Service saying that they had received a telex from their South African counterpart asking to arrange an appointment for me to meet with Ina Perlman who is the Executive Director of "Operation Hunger" in South Africa. They had no other contacts to give me except for the fact that Mrs. Perlman was most eager to meet with me. I could only presume that one of our leaders in South Africa gave her my name.

I met with Mrs. Perlman on May 14th. In fact she is a member of the Sisterhood and congregation Emanuel in Johannesburg, one of four groups that make up the United Hebrew Congregation. She is the top professional of the largest volunteer organization in South Africa which has been in existence for several years, spawned through what was the Inter-religious Council in South Africa. Mrs. Perlman first was motivated to work on the Inter-religious Council as part of her Sisterhood commitment since it is a programmatic project of the United Sisterhood of Johannesburg. It was this group that recognized the need to feed the starving natives and after a few years, spawned "Operation Hunger" as a separate organization which Mrs. Perlman has headed professionally.

She tells me that this is one of the fund-raising projects of the United Sisterhood and has received support from the Jewish community as well as the general community in the five or six years they have been in operation. They raised 25 million rand this past year. Their program is a self-help program, they insist upon a grass roots community request for assistance and participation in the role - the over-all organization provides food and some funding to lend people with expertise to help develop a grass roots organization. Their primary focus is malnutrition for very young children and they of course establish all the self-help groups particularly relating to women; included as part of their group is bringing water into each village, or tribal area, relatively simple but none the less efficient means of milling flour - absolutely similar to those programs which are sponsored by UNICEF in a variety of African countries but not South Africa. These are also the kinds of projects (and I haven't given you all of the aspects) which the US Aid to Developing Nations provides. In fact it was under a US AID grant that Mrs. Perlman was in the United States for several weeks meeting with leaders of groups that are working in world development programs. There is some chance she may be returning to the United States in the not too distant future to pursue this.

It was particularly interesting when she pointed out that it was our constituency that was the first of the Jewish community to engage in this activity so wholeheartedly. In fact the South African Union of Temple Sisterhoods has a place on their Board and the position is filled by Sybil

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Abro who was the point of referral. Mrs. Perlman also reminded me that at one of the meetings that was set up during my visits with the leaders of various communal agencies she regrettably was out of the city and did not meet me while I was there last year.

She also pointed out that there was great response from the individual Sisterhoods, particularly in Johannesburg, following through on my recommendation on how they should be considered in a more activist role in relation to the United Sisterhood and that each one of them had undertaken a special fund-raising activity for "Operation Hunger" and Rabbi Mendel, her own rabbi at Temple Emanuel who is now the chair of Progressive Rabbinic Council carried it one step further and every congregation has written letters to all of its members asking for financial support. It was really very nice to hear and Mrs. Perlman is a most interesting person and I would certainly look forward to the opportunity of spending more time with her as each of you would enjoy meeting her. No - she is not a particularly good speaker and I do not necessarily suggest that she be used in that context.

But over and above her agenda bringing greetings from Sybil Abro and praising the work of our Sisterhoods there in this support was another agenda item - it didn't come up until the end of the meeting and it is somewhat troubling. It has to do with the increasing sensitivity of many of the Jewish communities that their security in South Africa is not necessarily guaranteed. She indicated that considering the tragic circumstances of the country and the "inextremist" position which many of the government leaders express and the impact on the native population, there is an emerging expression of anti-Semitism which is very uncomfortable. Her thrust though was one that disturbs me very much - she cited a recent meeting of the Jewish Board of Deputies in South Africa that was called for the purpose of discussing "what they could do about Israel and the Israeli leaders." I was not aware of it although she said it was in the U.S. press, but apparently Israeli officials representing the government of Israel in South Africa, as well as the government of Israel leaders in Israel have expressed support for the homeland concept. This is very disturbing to the more liberal levels of the South African society and what she was really asking was would I be a conduit (not the only one I'm sure) to try to point out to Israeli officials those uncomfortable situations in which the Jewish community finds itself. She has indicated that the general South African society is now beginning to view the Jewish community as interested only in their own self-interest and in Israel. She is concerned that the Jewish community will be increasingly perceived as "not good citizens."

I pointed out to her that no Jewish community outside of Israel can tell the Israel government what political or diplomatic positions it should have (I refrain from commenting on any unofficial or sub rosa opportunities for giving advice), I also pointed out the inaccuracies of Israel being criticized for being such a strong trading partner with South Africa (quoting some of the well-known statistics) and also pointed out that often in Jewish history the Jews became an excuse to be scapegoats and they were not the cause and that

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in any given troubling situation, whether economic or social, the group in power always looks for a vulnerable group to blame.

Mrs. Perlman is a third generation South African on her father's side, her mother was a German refugee. She is very sensitive to the parallels of the Jewish communities in South Africa to what was the German Jewish community although she is obviously torn in her loyalties as a South African and her fears as a Jew.

I'm not quite sure what to make of what she said except - when you add it to the fact that as I commented to Connie, in the last few months I was receiving many visitors and telephone calls from South Africans who have rather precipitously left South Africa. This is in great contrast to those of our mutual friends and constituents who ten to fifteen years ago began to take the necessary steps to relocate their children, their capital and their loyalties.

In terms of Ms. Perlman's political and social attitudes she is one of the most progressive and enlightening persons that I have met from the South African community. She is also very astute. She would be a compelling spokesperson (forget that she does not speak well) in the sense that her project tells the story. In fact it is one of the private efforts in South Africa that is unsung. I make no apologies for the South African government but I do believe that most of us are unaware of some of the activities undertaken by people of good will. Operation Hunger not only does not receive any South African government aid but they know that they are viewed with a certain suspicion and dismay by government leaders and I don't believe that Mrs. Perlman would be too surprised if in the not too distant future the government takes action against this and other comparable citizens groups that are functioning.

I'll keep you informed if anything more like this comes along.

I did ask her to ask Sybil to write up the whole Sisterhood process in relation to Operation Hunger. Some of the South African women have mentioned this in the past but they've never given us the prominence or the details about it as they do for the Wyler school. I do think that it is important for us to give public notice to the work which our women and our congregants do as a Jewish community to help solve some of these awesome problems in South Africa.

One final point which I should have had a little earlier in this memo. She implied that at least our Progressive community and much of the secular Jewish community were fast moving toward making a more evident statement of their rejection of the homeland concept. Thus the Israeli support for this was a great embarrassment to the Jewish community and they are getting feedback from their own government just as the American Jewish community does from the White House in the U.S. Government. I don't think they know how to react!

Please keep this information confidential. I think Mrs. Perlman's effectiveness in her position might be negatively affected if she were identified with some of these reports about the Jewish community.

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12/10/84



# UNIONGRAM

Dear Alex:

Just a brief note of thanks  
for the warm hospitality and the open  
door policy at the UATC Board Meeting in  
Miami. As a guest, I felt I was truly  
with family.

Best wishes for a happy  
holiday season to you and yours.  
Remember LA's the Place in '85!!

Shalom -

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"... SPEECH IS THE MESSENGER OF THE HEART"

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838 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021

## MEMORANDUM

Date April 22, 1985From Eleanor R. SchwartzTo Ruth Harrison/Rabbi David SapersteinCopy for information of Al Vorspan/Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Ariel Perelmutter is the new NFTS Staff Executive, Department on Human Relations, which includes our representation and activities for the Commission on Social Action. Please see that Ms. Perelmutter's name is on the mailing list and that she receives all notices about commission activities as well as the Religious Action Center.

Thanks.

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Ariel is Bernard Perelmutter's daughter. She is a graduate lawyer, has worked in Washington for a number of members of Congress and we are delighted that she was able to join our staff.

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November 19, 1984

Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz  
NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Ellie:

My thanks to you and the women of Sisterhood for the gracious gift of Gates of Prayer for use when services are held in the Chapel. The providing of a quantity of these prayerbooks is a beautiful gesture and we are deeply grateful for the thoughtful gift.

Please express the Union's appreciation, as well as my personal thanks, to all of NFTS.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler


# MEMORANDUM

From Ben Dardig  
To All Staff

Date 11/13/84

NFTS has purchased a quantity of Gates of Prayer books and has offered their use to UAHC departments for Service in the Chapel.

Departments using these prayer books will be responsible for their return to NFTS.



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

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November 15, 1984

Mrs. Bernard Kreshtool  
711 Coverly Road  
Wilmington, DE 19802

Dear Connie:

There is no need to thank me. It is always a joy to be with  
Sisterhood.

I thank you for your gracious and warm hospitality.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

November 15, 1984

Ms. Eleanor Schwartz,  
Executive Director  
NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Ellie:

There is no need to thank me. It is always a joy to be with Sisterhood.

I thank you for your gracious and warm hospitality.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# nfts UNIONGRAM

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

November 14, 1984

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
New York, New York

Dear Alex:

On behalf of the NFTS Board of Directors thank you for sharing your time with us. We particularly appreciated the sharp focus on religious commitment which not only expressed far reaching aspirations but in a way in which everyone felt they could be involved.

And of course you are one of the extraordinary voices for Israel.

Thank you for being so effective a teacher and leader.

Sincerely,

*Connie*

President



"Words from the heart go to the heart" Talmud

*Unargued to both*  
*Eric*  
*Connie*  
Executive Director

*To both:*

*It is so nice to hear from you. It is always a joy to be with you.*

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838 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021

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Eleanor R. Schwartz

September 10, 1984

NFTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I've reserved the noon hour on Tuesday, November 13 and look forward to taking lunch with the members of your Board and to speaking to them at 1:00 p.m. I will focus on religious commitment, as you suggest.

## MEMORANDUM

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Date September 7, 1984From Eleanor R. Schwartz *res*To Rabbi Alexander Schindler and Albert Vorspan

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Your respective participation in the NFTS Board of Directors meeting

Connie was most pleased to learn that your respective schedules can allow us to capture you on Tuesday, November 13. I guess 13 is a very lucky Jewish number!

Connie feels that the most effective order of presentation would be if Al would speak to the Board at approximately 10:00 AM for about 15 minutes on the implications of the election for the Jewish community and be available for another 10 minutes for questions. If it would be more convenient for Al to join us for breakfast at 9:15 and start speaking at 9:30 that would be just fine.

Alex is most cordially invited to join the Board for lunch which will be at 12:30 and we hope to conclude eating at one o'clock to listen to you on the focus of spirituality. You may take as long as you wish up to 30-40 minutes and your marks will not be given on either the brevity or the length of your presentation!

On Calendar

We're delighted that you can be with us and we know that the Board will find your respective presentations stimulating and challenging. It may be that after Al's insights everyone will say "Oh, my God!" and Alex therefore must evoke a "Thank God!" We're really looking forward to having you.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

August 24, 1984

Eleanor Schwartz

I've looked at my schedule and Tuesday is really the only time for me to address the NFTS Board of Directors. I don't know Al's schedule. If he can switch to Monday that would fine, if not they'll have the two of us on the same day. Please let me know just what time you will expect me to address your Board members.

Thank you.

# MEMORANDUM

Date August 23, 1984

From Eleanor Schwartz *E.S.*

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler - Albert Vorspan

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_

Subject NFTS Board of Directors Meeting

The NFTS Board of Directors will be meeting at 838 on Sunday, November 11, Monday, November 12 and Tuesday, November 13 (through the late afternoon). Connie is very eager to invite each of you to speak to the Board. For Alex comments on the area of spirituality and self-discipline -- for Al the implications of the election.

I thought we had worked it out very nicely with Alex, the President, speaking to the Board on Monday either at the Chapel Services, or following at lunch, or anytime you would wish in the afternoon (I wouldn't dare ask you to stay late to talk to the group at dinner).

Then Al Vorspan, Vice President, to speak on Tuesday focusing on how the election will turn out as to what language should be used at lunch time.

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was out of town through Sun

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# MEMORANDUM

Date July 9, 1984

From Eleanor R. Schwartz

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copy for information of Charles J. Rothschild, Jr., Don Millstone

Subject Your memo of July 5th

I am really deeply touched at the thoughtfulness of Don Millstone, Chuck and you for the memo.

Unfortunately there is a significant difference between what the Youth Department does and what NFTS does. The Youth Department is producing and merchandising its own goods. They are the ones making money - with an occasional opportunity for NFTY Region and/or Camp to pick up some additional money on T-shirts which carry the specific Regional identification. The Youth Department is not a centralized purchasing agency for hundreds of items which the NFTY Youth Region then in turn sells to its grass roots.

That is the process for the Sisterhood Judaica Shop. While it is true that each Judaica Shop does carry UAHC and NFTS publications (primarily books) it is only our own publications which are income producers for us nationally in addition to being income producers for local Sisterhoods. This merchandise represents less than 3% of the total Judaic merchandise carried by the local Judaica Shop.

NFTS does provide catalogues, names and addresses of vendors, etc., to the local Sisterhood, and we do set up a process, through our District Federations, for the local Sisterhoods to bond together, especially if they are smaller groups, in order to make joint purchases which allow them to pay at a lower cost.

The NFTS responsibility toward the local Sisterhood is to provide them with access to these suppliers and to provide them, through their Judaica Shop, with the means through which they can raise money locally to meet local responsibilities for particular programs and projects usually those done on behalf of the congregation.

Even if NFTS has a budget line of some \$50,000 (staff) we don't have the office space to set up a consolidated purchasing project. Further, the margin of profit is not really large enough for both NFTS and the local Sisterhood to make a profit. We believe that this is a responsibility that we have to the local Sisterhood to help it make the maximum sum of money since the pressure put on the local Sisterhood by the congregation for fund-raising is so intense. Incidentally the amount of money that Sisterhoods are now turning over to the congregations, whether for specified ear-marked projects



Memo to Rabbi Schindler  
July 9, 1984

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or for capital projects (few do it to the general operating budget since it is so frustrating and unsatisfying a process - the ear-marked freeze the congregation's operating budget) is keeping pace with the dollar amount which congregations are paying to the UAHC annually! That is one of those extraordinary coincidences, don't you think?

Again, thanks for thinking of us.

*Rebecca R. Schwartz*  
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(Dictated by but signed in the absence of Miss Schwartz)

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

July 5, 1984

Eleanor Schwartz

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

Have you ever considered centralizing purchasing for the Judalca shops? For sometime now NFTY has centrally produced polo shirts and sweat shirts and pins and whatnot for our youth groups and our camps and found this centralization to be of financial advantage to NFTY as well as the local units.

Would not the same apply to Judalca shops for the joint purchasing of gift items, jewelry, art and whatnot?

All of these inquiries emanate from a suggestion made by Don Millstone to Chuck Rothschild which I am investigating at his behest. Please let me know what your experience has been.

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(VERY FEW GIFT SHOPS HAVE THE PROPER STOCK. (FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER) WE WOULD BE DOING THEM A FAVOR AND MAKING THEIR JOB EASIER. THEIR PROFIT WOULD BE AS GREAT OR GREATER BECAUSE WE COULD DELIVER MORE @ A BETTER PRICE. ONCE WE GOT ESTABLISHED WITH OUR OWN GIFT SHOPS - WE COULD EXPAND INTO CONSERVATIVE SHOPS. I SUGGEST CATALOG APPROACH. WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO CARRY AN INVENTORY - ORDERS RECEIVED - DELIVERED DIRECTLY FROM SOURCE. ?? ?? JM

CHUCK! MY SUMMER ADDRESS:

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August 21, 1984

Mrs. Connie Kreshtool  
President  
National Federation of  
Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Connie:

Many thanks to you and the members  
of NFTS for the gracious contribution towards  
the publication of REFORM JUDAISM. All of us  
are deeply grateful for this expression of  
support for RJ.

With thanks and warm regards, we are

Sincerely,

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr	Alexander M. Schindler
Chairman of the Board	President

cc: Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz  
Mr. Albert Vorspan

Edith J. Miller

August 21, 1984

Joshua M. Dwork

cc: Aron Hirt-Manheimer

Enclosed is an NFTS check in the amount of \$500~~0~~ towards th  
publication of REFORM JUDAISM. This is for the Union's RJ  
budget for fiscal year 1984-85. Please credit accordingly.

A letter of thanks has gone forward to NFTS.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT      CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

August 20, 1984

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

Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.  
Chairman of the UAHC Board  
550 Sunderland Road  
Teaneck, N.J. 07666

Dear Alex and Chuck:

I am pleased to enclose our agency check in the amount of \$5,000.00 which represents a contribution towards the publication of Reform Judaism. This contribution is from the NFTS 1983-84 budget that coincides with the UAHC 1984-85 budget period.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

*Connie*

President

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cc Blumstein

June 21, 1984

Mrs. Constance Kreshtool  
President, National Federation  
of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Connie:

In behalf of the Union, Check, and myself, I write to express heartfelt thanks to you and the women of NFTS. Your annual allocation from the YES Fund for the work of our Youth Department is received with appreciation. The work of our hands and our hearts continues to be strengthened and enhanced thanks to the devoted efforts of NFTS.

As noted in your letter of transmittal, \$10,000. of this contribution is earmarked for college age activities and the balance of the funds will aid the work of NFTY.

With thanks and fond regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

June 20, 1984

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New York, NY 10021

Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.  
Chairman UAHC Board of Trustees  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex and Chuck:

I am very pleased to enclose an NFTS check in the amount of \$71,105.25 which represents the annual allocation from the Youth, Education and Sisterhood (YES) Fund for the NFTS fiscal year November 1, 1983 - October 31, 1984.

You will also be pleased to know that the NFTS Executive Committee which met last week authorized an increase in our budgeted commitment to the UAHC for youth work from the present \$50,000 per year up to \$60,000 per year. Although the UAHC budget for 1984-85 has been approved and printed and the NFTS commitment is reflected at the prior figure, we hope you will make the first opportunity to reflect the increase.

As has been the decision in previous years \$10,000 of our current contribution is earmarked for the college age activities of the UAHC and the balance for work in connection with NFTY -- for high school youth.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

President

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June 20, 1984

Joshua M. Dwork

Enclosed herewith is a check from the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in the amount of \$11,105.25, payable to the UAHC. This represents the annual allocation from NFTS for our Youth Department and \$10,000. of this amount is earmarked for our College Youth Program. The balance of the check is for our youth work for 1983-84 and covers the NFTS fiscal year November through October.

NFTS

May 14, 1984

Ms. Sheila Kasdan, President  
District 4, NFTS  
5 Darby Terrace  
Livingston, New Jersey 07039

Dear Sheila:

I note that you are now the president of District 4, NFTS, the New Jersey Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. This is a very exciting development in your life and, of course, in the life of District 4, NFTS. Let me take this opportunity to wish you a warm and hearty mazal tov on your election.

It is my fond hope you will find your presidency to be a period which brings you a full measure of happiness, satisfaction and fulfillment as you continue to give of yourself to Judaism and the Jewish people. Sisterhood is fortunate in having you in a leadership role.

Rhea joins me in sending warmest regards to you and Peter.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

May 14, 1984

Ms. Ami S. Opat  
Past President  
District 4, NFTS  
940 Garrison Avenue  
Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

Dear Ms. Opat:

Many thanks for your gracious letter of May 11. It is always good to hear nice things about staff members and I appreciate your having taken the time to write and express your appreciation for the assistance given you and the women of District 4 by Rabbi Daniel Freeland. Thank you for taking the time to let me know just how helpful he was.

I also appreciate your comments on the participation of Rabbi Zlotowitz in the program. And, needless to note, Chuck Rothschild always adds a very special dimension to a program on which he appears. You are correct, our movement is indeed blessed.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

District #4, N.F.T.S.  
NEW JERSEY FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

May 11, 1984

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President  
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838 Fifth Avenue  
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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

District Four, NFTS has recently completed its most inspiring Biennial "Soar With District Four: Successful Sounds of Sisterhood." Part of our success is due to a remarkable sharing of professionalism from our New Jersey West Hudson Valley Council Director, Rabbi Daniel H. Freeland.

Not only did Rabbi Freeland assist our committee in its plans for the Shabbat segment of our Biennial, but he was with us to lead us in prayer and to teach us Torah. He shared a Shabbat with our women, one which will be long remembered for its dignity, inspiration and shared learning experiences. On Friday he led a group in Leadership Techniques.

It has been my good fortune to have served ex officio on the Council's Executive Board during Danny's tenure. He has brought vitality, creativity, enthusiasm, caring and concern to his leadership. We are most fortunate in this council to have a man of his creative talents!

As a part of our attempt to bring items of current concern to our women Rabbi Freeland suggested that we address the problem of the "Get Bill." His suggestion that we invite Rabbi Bernard Zlotowitz to lead our discussion was just one area in which his suggestions helped our women to act as well as to learn. It was indeed a pleasure to have Rabbi Zlotowitz on our program.

And, as the frosting on our cake the address from Chuck Rothschild was an added plus.

We are truly blessed to have such men as leaders of our movement!

Most sincerely,

*Ami S. Opat*

Ami S. Opat  
Past President  
District 4, NFTS

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cc Rabbi Daniel Freeland  
Rabbi Bernard Zlotowitz  
Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.  
Sheila Kasdan

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January 11, 1984

Mrs. Constance Kreshtool  
President, NFTS  
711 Coverly Road  
Wilmington, DE 19802

Dear Connie:

As you know, Chuck Rothschild is in the process of constituting the various Board Committees. As a member of the Board, you received a memo from him a few weeks ago, together with a list of UAHC standing committees, and a request that you indicate your special areas of interest. I do hope that you have responded and you may be certain we will seek to assign you to the committee(s) of your choice.

I write now to ask that you give thought to NFTS representation on some of these committees. We are eager to deepen the ties between the UAHC and the NFTS and by having representatives of NFTS on our committees we can enhance our efforts and create proper liaison and communication in many areas of concern. While all of our committees do not require such representation, many do. Therefore, I am enclosing a list of our committees and have placed an check next to those which I believe should have NFTS representation. Please give serious consideration to this request and let me have your suggestions as soon as possible. Chuck and I hope to get together in about two weeks to work out our committee appointments.

With appreciation in advance for your efforts and with warmest regards,  
I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Encl.

cc: Mr. C. J. Rothschild, Jr.  
Ms. Eleanor Schwartz

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## COMMITTEES OF THE UAHC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AWARDS COMMITTEE: To nominate winners of the Biennial Bearer of Light Awards and any other special awards the Union may choose to give from time to time.

BIENNIAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE: To plan the program for upcoming Biennials of the UAHC.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: To prepare and implement the annual operational budget for the UAHC.

CARING COMMUNITY: To develop programs for our congregations focusing on the synagogue as a caring community. This includes the development of effective responses to the needs of our congregations in areas such as singles programs, single parent households, the aging, etc.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: To bring the message of the UAHC to our congregations, and to the entire North American Jewish community, in a variety of ways, including radio and television.

COMMITTEE ON CULTS: To concentrate on the methods and means of combating the influence of cults, particularly on the youth.

TASK FORCE ON THE DISABLED: To assist congregations in making worship and program functions and facilities accessible to those whose sight, hearing or mobility is impaired.

DUES POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE: To review the implementation and progress of the Biennial recommendations affecting the MUM program as recommended by the Special Biennial Committee on Proportional Dues.

ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS COMMITTEE: To supervise and oversee and invest the endowment and trust funds of the UAHC.

ENERGY TASK FORCE: To provide guidance to our congregations and congregants on how to reduce energy consumption and incorporate energy efficient techniques. To continue to call upon federal, state and local governments to adopt and fund serious programs of energy conservation.

UAHC FUND FOR REFORM JUDAISM STEERING COMMITTEE: To plan and develop fund-raising activities and techniques to raise the funds necessary for implementing programs of the UAHC.

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: To plan cooperative programs with other religious groupings such as the National Council of Churches, the Evangelicals, the American Conference of Catholic Bishops, etc. in the interfaith realm.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: To meet with the Community & Social Agency Employees Union to discuss the labor union contract for office, clerical, warehouse and print shop employees and maintenance staff. This contract is negotiated every two years.

LAW COMMITTEE: To advise and service the UAHC in legal matters.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE: To assist the Union and its constituent members by identifying and defining trends vital to the future of the Union. This committee will also seek to develop young leadership for the UAHC.

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MAINTENANCE OF UNION MEMBERSHIP: To deal with dues payments from congregations and recommend appropriate policies and actions with regard to individual congregations.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: To supervise the administration of the physical facilities of the Union; specifically the House of Living Judaism. The committee will also make recommendations concerning executive salaries and is also charged with the supervision of the UAHC staff pension plan.

NEW CONGREGATIONS: To recommend policies and programs for organizing our congregations, to review applications for admission to the UAHC and to evolve standards for admission to the UAHC.

UAHC NOMINATING COMMITTEE: To nominate at-large members to fill vacancies during the period between Biennials and to nominate members to Joint Commissions when such vacancies occur.

UAHC SPECIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE: To suggest nominees for at-large membership on the Board of Trustees for election at Biennials.

UAHC ORAL HISTORY PROJECT: To assemble and prepare an oral history of the UAHC and the Reform movement.

TASK FORCE ON REFORM DAY SCHOOLS: To consist of members of the Commission on Education and the Commission on Social Action, to study the provisions of the resolution submitted to the 1983 General Assembly by Congregation Rodeph Shalom of New York.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: To discuss and review resolutions submitted by affiliates, congregations and commissions of the UAHC to present to the Biennial Assembly for consideration and acceptance.

SMALL CONGREGATIONS COMMITTEE: To deal with the specialized programmatic needs of small and isolated congregations, particularly those located away from large urban Jewish populations.

TASK FORCE ON SOVIET JEWRY: To assist our congregations in the development of programs to integrate Soviet Jews into the synagogue. This committee will work in close coordination with the Commission on Social Action.

UAHC TELEVISION AND FILM INSTITUTE: To enter into the television world by creating software for network, cable and home use, entirely on Jewish themes, with religious schools and camps as the primary target.

TIME AND PLACE FOR BIENNIALS COMMITTEE: To research favorable locations and facilities to be used for future Biennials and Board meetings, and to make recommendations to the Board.

TOUR AND TRAVEL COMMITTEE: To find suitable tour and travel programs to offer to all UAHC congregational members and the general public as a revenue producing function of the UAHC.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: To serve as the umbrella organization of the entire youth program and to supervise the total spectrum of the youth programming of the UAHC and to consist of the three committees listed below:

1. COMMITTEE ON HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (NFTY): To coordinate all activities for high school youth, to encourage the development of local temple youth groups, to direct and coordinate these activities through regional groups and to set standards for regional youth programs.
2. COLLEGE COMMITTEE: To provide a visible Reform Jewish presence on college campuses and to institute programs for this presence.
3. CAMP-INSTITUTES COMMITTEE: To oversee the maintenance, development and programs of UAHC camp-institutes.

JOINT COMMISSIONS OF UAHC AND CCAR AND/OR HUC-JIR AND  
UAHC AFFILIATES.

Membership on these commissions are sometimes limited in size due to our arrangements with the other constituent agencies. Nonetheless, we would like to know of your interests should openings develop.

COMMISSION ON JEWISH EDUCATION: To guide education in the Reform Jewish movement for children, youth and adults by formulating the philosophy and setting aims and objectives of that education.

TASK FORCE ON LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: To implement and evaluate the experimental programs of congregational leadership training which it developed, functioning under theegis of the Commission on Synagogue Administration.

RABBINICAL-CONGREGATIONAL RELATIONS: To study and propose methods for promoting harmonious relations between rabbis and their congregations; to provide services to restore harmonious relations between rabbi and congregations when such relations have ceased to exist; to provide conciliation when rabbi and congregation request it and to offer arbitration services when all other attempts to settle conflicts fail. NOTE: THIS COMMISSION CONSISTS OF ONE RABBINIC AND ONE LAY MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE UACH REGIONS, AND THEREFORE, MEMBERSHIP IS LIMITED.

RABBINICAL PENSION BOARD: To act as Trustees of the Rabbinical Pension Plan.

COMMISSION ON REFORM JEWISH OUTREACH: To provide creative leadership to reach out to bring the message of Judaism to any and all who wish to examine or embrace it; to intensify Jewish educational programs to stimulate positive Jewish identification; to develop a program of welcome and to involve converts to Judaism; to develop a program by which the Reform synagogue can seek out mixed married couples to respond to their needs.

JOINT TASK FORCE ON RELIGIOUS COMMITMENT: To examine what religious commitment implies for UAHC congregations and Reform Jews, to engage in a two-year study, all within the context of the informed choices so precious to Reform Judaism, to generate a suggested programmatic response to the challenge and to present a comprehensive report to the 1985 Biennial for study and discussion and adoption as a central component of the Biennial program.

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UAHC/HUC-JIR/CCAR RESEARCH COMMITTEE: TO embark on an extensive research study of the ramifications of interfaith marriage in North America from prominent existing research institutions and, if financially feasible, the study be undertaken as a decision-making guide for the Reform movement. All research projects will be supervised by this group, beginning with the major study on interfaith marriages mandated by the 1983 Biennial.

COMMISSION ON SOCIAL ACTION OF REFORM JUDAISM: To relate ethical and spiritual principles of Judaism to the problems of today's world, to make appropriate policy recommendations and take appropriate action when deemed advisable.

COMMISSION ON SYNAGOGUE ADMINISTRATION: To provide help in the administration and financing of congregations, design and construction of temple buildings, to work in conjunction with the National Federation of Temple Administrators, etc.

COMMISSION ON WORSHIP: To sponsor and encourage studies of Jewish worship, to encourage experimentation in areas of ceremonies by congregations and individuals, to plan and review programs to stimulate Reform Jewish congregations to a fuller and more meaningful experience in worship, etc. The CCAR publishes standard liturgical literature of the movement.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

December 22, 1983

Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman

The enclosed from Ellie is self-explanatory. It is my only copy of her memo. Please review, react and let me know how I should respond, if I should respond. Thank you.

# MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Date December 22, 1983

To Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman

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Subject

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- ① In the summer we did not have arrangements for taping sessions. They were made to tape the joint sessions (+ advertise) but too late for program even
- ② We did not use the cassette copy to tape library sessions - nor we did not ask them to.
- ③ Our stenotype costs were \$1926 - including transportation. We do not replace this with taping.



# MEMORANDUM

Date December 22, 1983

From Eleanor Schwartz *ers*

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_

Subject UAHC/NFTS Partnership with Biennial Conventions

I made a solemn promise to myself even before our Houston Vice President begged me to do likewise, that no matter what the price, what the inconvenience, or what the irritation I would not engage in contentious relationships with Lenny. But the enclosed is one example of the price we paid.

When I asked him during the summer if arrangements were being made by the Union for taping sessions he said "no" and obviously when such arrangements were made they were never brought to my attention.

I am very conscious of the excellent and creative work which Lenny does for the Union particularly with Biennials. But if our Conventions are joint partnerships there is an obligation to be conscious of the implications of such a partnership and to live up to one's responsibilities and execute them.

I hope that before work starts on the Los Angeles Convention you can set guidelines for how a partnership is fulfilled and that the burden doesn't rest solely on me.

Many thanks.

ERS:bn

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December 21, 1983

Mr. Rick Guthy  
Cassette Productions Unlimited  
46 South DeLacey Street  
Suite 24  
Pasadena, CA 91105

Dear Mr. Guthy:

Your letter of December 12 gave me a four-asprin headache. Our partner, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations neglected to inform me that they were utilizing your services. Had I been so notified we would have been not only pleased to use your services but would have saved our agency almost \$5000.

I am grateful for your letter which will be in my Los Angeles follow up file.

I am particularly dismayed at your comment "since we were not given permission" which implies that you made inquiry of the UAHC and they blocked your access to me.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

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December 12, 1983

Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz, Executive Director  
National Federation of Temple Sisterhood  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, New York 10021

Dear Ms. Schwartz,

At the recent UAHC Biennial in Houston, Cassette Productions Unlimited was proud to provide cassette recording and duplication services.

Although we recorded many of the UAHC sessions, many NFTS members wanted to obtain copies of the sessions put on by your organization as well. However, since we were not given permission to record these sessions, we did not have tapes of the NFTS sessions to give to the many interested attendees.

This letter is to express the interest of C.P.U. to provide these services at the 1985 Biennial in Los Angeles. We will again be providing these services to the UAHC and would be happy to do it for the National Federation of Temple Sisterhood as well.

I want to emphasize that our services are provided ABSOLUTELY FREE! We pay all our expenses, labor costs, equipment and supply fees, and printing charges, etc. There is NO CHARGE to you or the NFTS whatsoever.

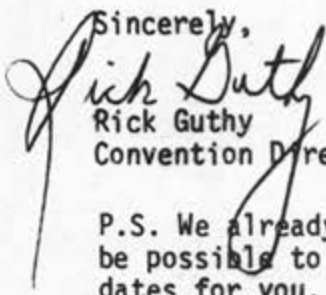
We will also provide your organization with TWO FREE SETS of all recordings made at the convention. These sets will be shipped to you within one week after the biennial.

Best of all, since the biennial will be held in the Los Angeles area, we will be able to return 20% of ALL tape sales to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhood. This is made possible because we will not have any airline or hotel costs to deal with. Therefore, not only is there no cost to you, you also receive a rebate from us.

I look forward to your response, and hope that Cassette Productions Unlimited can be of service at the 1985 Biennial in Los Angeles.

Until that time, I wish you my very best!

Sincerely,

  
Rick Guthy  
Convention Director

P.S. We already have 46 conventions lined up for the 1985 calendar year, so would it be possible to let me know as soon as you can, so that I can tentatively reserve the dates for you.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

December 19, 1983

Eleanor R. Schwartz

NFTB

I spoke to Av Bondarin and he assures me that no separate NFTB/JCS Women's Organization is being contemplated. This is to be an informal group made up of the wives of Board members and created in response to their desire to be more than appendages of their husbands when they attend these meetings.

The next meeting of the Coordinating Committee on January 5 will be devoted to the role of affiliates and will be led off by you and Av.. I hope this meeting will be fruitful in its effect.

# MEMORANDUM

Date December 12, 1983

From Eleanor Schwartz *ES*

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_

Subject NFTB-JCS Womens Organization

Thanks for your note to keep you informed and to let you know if there was something you could do. Yes you can and that is retain an opinion which you have expressed and has been expressed by the Union for as long as I can remember -- namely that there is room for only one womens organization in Reform Judaism and that is NFTS.

A small meeting was set up in Houston. Attached is a copy of Connie's memo on it. It evoked the long letter from Doris Panoff. Connie is rightly irritated, furious and not willing to spend too much of her time on this tedious business. Nevertheless there is a fundamental principle involved and I cannot afford to let it slip by.

You may or may not be aware of the fact that with NFTB encouragement local Brotherhoods have accepted women into membership. They have used the pretense that with equal rights they cannot be a sexist organization. To this nonsensical interpretation I have spoken with Av several times pointing out that the wives of Brotherhood members should certainly be supportive of their husbands but that they need not be members of Brotherhood. A co-educational group is either the congregation or young marrieds or whatever.

So if you read this far just remember we will appreciate your commitment to the principle of one womens affiliate in Reform Judaism.

Thanks.

Incidentally this is what I wanted to speak to you about on Monday.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

MEMORANDUM

Meeting on November 12, 1983 in Houston, TX

Present: Sig Warshaw, Joan Warshaw, Al Raizman, Adele Raizman,  
Lillian Maltzer, Connie Kreshtool

We discussed our concerns about the proposed JCS Women's Committee. We believe any formal structure could become a competitive organization within congregations to the Sisterhood.

Organizations do change as leadership changes. There is no guarantee that the original concept of the organizers would be maintained by those who follow.

Informal contacts by men and women for support of JCS and NFTB is not the issue - formalizing a structure is.

CSK.

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December 5, 1983

Ms. Constance Kreshtool  
711 Coverly Road  
Wilmington, DE 19802

Dear Connie:

How helpful it would be if we could talk, you and I, one to one, face to face. Perhaps we shall. I am willing to meet with you, as is my co-chairperson, Joan Warshaw, any time in New York (it is only a shuttle flight away from Boston) but to hasten things, let me answer a few of your concerns:

Regarding "formal structure", are we interpreting the words the same way? To you, it seems, any structure is a formal structure. To me, "formal" means a separate organization involving election of officers, monthly meetings, Annual Luncheons or other Annual Fund Raisers. Women for JCS is a Committee of the Jewish Chautauqua Society without any of the above.

You say, "any formal structure could become a competitive organization within congregations to the Sisterhood." I think you underestimate the fierce loyalty of your women to both National and local Sisterhood. At the same time, you misinterpret our purpose.

Yes, Connie, "Organizations do change as leadership changes." Our leadership in Women for JCS will change every two years with each change in NFTB administration. Since, however, there is a high degree of quality in NFTB leadership at the Presidential and Chancellor levels, we are not fearful that guidelines being established now will mutate into a power structure at the women's level which could threaten NFTS.

Of course, "there is no guarantee that the original concept of the organization would be maintained by those who follow." We have only our faith that this new committee, begun in hope and happiness, is satisfying

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4. Constance Kreshtool  
December 5, 1983  
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the men and women of NFTB by bringing into being a project that has been on the agenda for at least the past ten years.

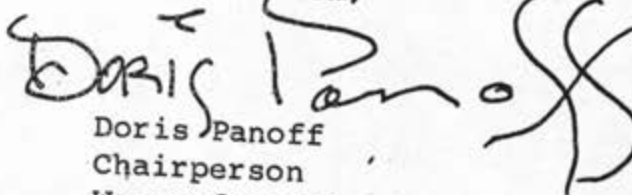
Please understand that the formation of this committee was inevitable. Too many wives of NFTB National Board Members have strolled the shopping malls, toured the cities while their men did important work. We are Jewish women, religious women, thoughtful women whose interest in what our husbands are doing must not flag if our husbands are to do their finest work.

Just this week, I heard from a dear friend whose daughter was in Holland with her husband on business. As she went about with her camera, she came on the memorial to Anne Frank. There, on the back of the statue, in red paint, was a Swastika.

Given this kind of world and, at the same time, given the Jewish Chautauqua Society which teaches non-Jews about Jews and educates against anti-Semitism, we women are more than willing to help the men of JCS.

It will not be easy to launch our committee, and with apprehension at the highest levels of NFTS, it will be even more difficult. All we can do is ask for your hand in friendship. There is enough anxiety in the world. May we find a common ground--and soon.

A warm Shalom,



Doris Panoff  
Chairperson  
Women for JCS

DP/jei

cc: Herbert Panoff  
Sig Warshaw  
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Lillian Maltzer  
Eleanor Schwartz ✓  
Av Bondarin  
Sol Appelbaum

NFTS

December 12, 1983

Mrs. Constance S. Kreshtool  
NFTS - President  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Connie:

I was delighted to receive the \$5,000 check from NFTS which represents a contribution toward the publication of Reform Judaism for the fiscal year 1982-83. Please convey appreciation to all of the members of NFTS.

I, too, am delighted that a method of communication has been set up which will provide fuller data on the programs and projects of NFTS for Reform Judaism. It is important that our magazine carry information on the multifaceted program of NFTS. This gracious contribution will be most helpful towards that end.

With gratitude and with warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Reform Judaism

Edith J. Miller

12/8/83

Joshua M. Dwork

cc: Albert Vorspan

Enclosed herewith is a check for \$5,000. from NFTS as a contribution towards the publication of REFORM JUDAISM, per the enclosed letter. Please credit accordingly.

  
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT      CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

December 8, 1983

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

Dear Alex:

As promised, enclosed is our check for \$5,000 representing a contribution toward the publication of Reform Judaism for the fiscal year 1982-83.

I am pleased that we have been able to work out a method of communication to formalize the relationship between NFTS and Reform Judaism. I am equally pleased that we are in a financial situation where we can reinstate our contributions to help underwrite this important publication.

Cordially,

*Constance*

President

CK:bn  
Enc.

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

December 6, 1983

Jane Evans

NFS

The enclosed packet is sent to you at the suggestion of Rhea who met the artist at a Westport party recently and was much impressed with her masks. Rhea thought that these might make an interesting exhibit in our windows.

Obviously, the decision is yours entirely. It's just an idea. If you are at all interested, please let me know whether we should have the artist get in touch with you.

Thanks much.

NFTS



October 7, 1983

Ms. Sheila Kasdan  
5 Darby Terrace  
Livingston, N.J. 07039

Dear Sheila:

It was good hearing from you. I am grateful for your gracious invitation to address the forthcoming Biennial Convention of NFTS District #4 during the week-end, May 4-6, 1983. And I especially appreciate your flexibility and understanding of my hectic travel schedule.

Much to my regret, it is simply not possible for me to come to Teaneck at any time during the week-end of your Biennial. That week-end will indeed find me travelling and my schedule is such that I just cannot include another engagement. Please convey my regrets to the women of District #4 and my warm good wishes for a successful and inspirational convention.

With fond regards to you and Peter, in which Rhea joins, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

District #4, N.F.T.S.  
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Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing to you in my capacity as Program Chairperson of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, District #4, Biennial Convention, which will be held at the Loew's Glen Point Hotel, Teaneck, New Jersey on May 4-6, 1984. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is the women's association of the Reform Movement in North America; District #4 is made up of 31 local Sisterhoods, with a membership in excess of 4500 Jewish women.

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to speak to the assembled delegates sometime during the course of that weekend. Recognizing the scheduling problems that you surely have, I want to be as flexible as possible in determining exactly when you can join with us. I would appreciate it if you could let me know of your availability during the course of that weekend, and include possible times which would meet your own scheduling needs.

Inasmuch as the formal program is not yet complete, I shall not ask you to speak on a particular topic; once you have let me know that you will be available to join with us, I will contact you as to topic and exact timing. The most important thing for now, as far as we in NFTS District #4 are concerned, is that you will be able to speak to us.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter and with the hope that you will be able to spend some time with us at our convention, I am

Cordially,

*Sheila Kasdan*  
Sheila Kasdan  
Program Chairperson  
Executive V.P., District #4

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NFTS

June 13, 1983

Mrs. Lillian Maltzer  
26067 Hendrie Blvd.  
Huntington Woods, MI 48070

Dear Lillian:

It was wonderful having you and Joe with us for the UAHC Board of Trustees meeting. I only regret that I never have quite enough time to spend with some of the people I enjoy so very much.

I thank you for your fine report in behalf of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. It was wonderful, even though you did not hand us a check this time! Your announcement that NFTS has determined to underwrite two programs for mixed married couples and that NFTS will defray the deficit from the initial pilot project in this realm was indeed heartening. I write to express my gratitude to all of the women of NFTS. From our experience with the first group of mixed married couples we have learned that there is a great deal we can do to bring them closer to Judaism and the Jewish people. Thanks to NFTS we will now be able to touch the lives of more interfaith couples. We are indeed grateful.

With fondest regards in which Rhea joins me and best wishes for a relaxing and rewarding summer, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mrs. Constance Kreshtool,  
President - NFTS

# האיגוד העולמי ליהדות מתקדמת

Office of the President

Please reply to Box "F"  
New Rochelle, NY 10801

June 1, 1983  
ddt-7289

Ms. Eleanor Schwartz  
Executive Director  
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Ellie:

The pursuit of a "Task Force" on recruitment of overseas Rabbis, has by no means been shelved. It was simply postponed because of my being out of circulation for almost a full month and I plan to assemble representatives of those of our affiliates directly involved with this problem such as NFTS, HUC, UAHC (placement Director) and CCAR as soon as possible after our International Conference.

Fred Gottschalk had suggested that this meeting should take place in Cincinnati and I believe it should not be too difficult to arrange for such a convocation. Of course some preparation will have to go into such a meeting on which I am working.

Thank you for your continued deep interest in our "Klal Reform" common problem.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Gerard Daniel

GD/ddt

CC: Dr. Alfred Gottschalk  
Rabbi Richard Hirsch  
Rabbi Gunther Plaut  
Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Rabbi Joseph Glaser  
Rabbi Stanley Dreyfus

NFTS

May 9, 1983

Ms. Constance S. Kreshtool  
President, National Federation  
of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Connie:

For myself, and for Don Day, I write to express profound appreciation to you and the women of Sisterhood for the 1982-83 NFTS budget Allocation from its Youth, Education and Sisterhood (YES) Fund in the sum of \$50,000. The Youth program of the UAHC is strengthened by this support, this tangible gift of heart upholds our hands.

Please convey deep gratitude to all the women of Sisterhood. We of the UAHC are beholden to them.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT      CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

May 6, 1983

Mr. Donald S. Day  
56 Devonshire Road  
Kenmore, N.Y. 14223

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

Dear Don and Alex:

It is my pleasure to send you the 1982-83 NFTS budget allocation from our Youth, Education and Sisterhood (YES) Fund in the amount of \$50,000 for the youth program of the UAHC. We expect to implement this contribution when the NFTS Executive Committee meets in early June.

I look forward to being with you at the Board of Trustees meeting.

Sincerely,

*Connie*

President

CK:bn

Enc: Check in the amount of \$50,000 delivered to Rabbi Schindler.

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Edith J. Miller

May 6, 1983

Joshua M. Dwork

Enclosed herewith is a check from the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in the sum of \$50,000.00 for the work of our Youth Department. A thank you will go forward from this office.

NFTS

January 13, 1983

Mrs. Constance S. Kreshtool  
President, National Federation  
of Temple Sisterhoods  
711 Coverly Road  
Wilmington, DE 19802

Dear Connie:

It was truly gratifying to learn that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has contributed a "Garden" of trees in the Jewish National Fund Forest in Safed which bears my name. I am deeply grateful to you and the women of Sisterhood for this very beautiful tribute and expression of friendship.

Perhaps someday we will walk together in Safed and not only visit "my" forest, but the NFTS Garden as well!

With heartfelt thanks to one and all and with warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

January 13, 1983

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

Dear Alex:

I think you will be pleased to know that in your honor NFTS has contributed a "Garden" of trees in your forest, the newest Jewish National Fund project.

You deserve to be honored in this way and we are pleased to be part of it.

Sincerely,

President

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November 24, 1982

Mrs. Erita F. Levy  
177 E. 75th Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Erita:

I have just learned of your election as President of NFTS District 3. This is a wonderful development. I know you will lead District 3 with great care and concern.

You bring many fine qualities of heart and mind to your new responsibilities. It is my fond hope that you will derive a full measure of satisfaction and fulfillment as you lead NFTS District 3 from strength to greater strength.

With warmest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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November 11, 1982

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

Dear Alex:

You certainly could tell from the warm reception you received from the NFTS Board what a welcome guest you were. But we want to add these words of appreciation for sharing your time and your insights with our leadership. Not only does the presence of the UAHC President honor us but your own special "presence" is very significant.

Thank you for being with us.

Sincerely,

Executive Director  
CK/ERS:h

*Connie*  
President

NFTS

October 28, 1982

Dear Norma:

I'll undoubtedly run out of words to express my commendation and appreciation of your creative talents long before you run out of ways to give simply magnificent expression to our faith and our sacred cause/ I have just had an opportunity to study your most beautiful NFTS Anniversary Service , "A Time of Celebration 1913-1983." Norma, it is a gem! My hearty mazal tov and thanks to you for this most meaningful work of your heart. You touched my heart, even as I am certain you will touch many, many others.

You have good reason to be pleased and proud. NFTS has good reason to be proud. You have once again served their marvelous cause with beauty, with love and with true creativity.

Rhea joins me in sending love to you and David.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Mrs. David M. Levitt  
15 East 64th St.  
New York, N.Y. 10021

NETS  
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

October 7, 1982

Albert Vorspan

Theodore K. Broido; Aron-Hirtmanheimer; Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman;  
Edith J. Miller

I noticed that Sisterhood is celebrating its 70th Anniversary and, it is of course, altogether fitting and proper that we should make an institutional note of it.

I'm suggesting the following:

1. I will make some reference to this in my Board report. Edie, please remind me.
2. I think that we should ask Connie Kreshtool to give an extended report at the Board meeting, not the usual greetings but an evaluative report which will acquaint the Board members of some of the agonies and ecstasies of Sisterhood in today's congregational world. Twenty minutes at the very least ought to be assigned for that.
3. There should be an article on some of these issues in Reform Judaism. It might be best if Aron himself were to prepare it. He should get together with Ellie to glean whatever wisdom she has to offer.
4. On January 21 is the actual date of the anniversary and, of course it would be nice if congregations throughout the country were to mark this occasion. In the next rabbinic packet, Lenny, I would like to enclose a letter to my colleagues of the rabbinate calling this to their attention and urging them to have a special sisterhood service. I noticed across my desk that a packet of materials has been prepared which could be made available to help congregations celebrate this occasion: Therein is a worship service prepared by Norma Levitt.

Thank you very much.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

October 5, 1982

Eleanor R. Schwartz

VFTS

I have noted that NFTS celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in January, 1983. This is a very special milestone and it seems to me the ~~AVHC~~ should mark the simcha in some way. Have you any thoughts or ideas as to how we can best take note of the occasion? I do want the Union to be a part of the celebration.

*[Handwritten signature]*

# memo

From

Eleanor R. Schwartz  
Executive Director



National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y. 10021

*Rabbi Schindler*

Date October 4, 1982

To UAHC Regional Directors

Subject For Your Information

I am sorry there was not an opportunity during your recent staff meeting for me to spend a little time bringing you up to date on the world of Sisterhood. We shall have to make that opportunity in the not too distant future, but in the meantime we enclose a copy of one of our newer publications "Critical Issues Alert" and tell you that from now on you will be on our mailing list.

Also, NFTS will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary having been organized on January 21, 1913. We are making a big fuss about it and there will be many celebrations on that day as well as others. We are putting out a special folio "A TIME OF CELEBRATION 1913-1983" which includes among other things a very beautiful Sabbath Service written by Norma U. Levitt. Watch your mail box!

Hope the new year will bring you and your family health and much joy.

ERS:bn

*How for my 57 program  
Committee*

August 16, 1982

From: Judith Hertz, Critical Issues Chairwoman

To: Critical Issues Liaisons, Board of Directors, District Critical Issues Chairwomen

In this world of ours the bureaucracy and the problems seem to have grown too complicated and overwhelming. We turn away because we don't understand the system, the issue or how we can become involved. We isolate ourselves, concentrating on our families and careers, losing sight of the community, the issues, and the people we live with.

The principle, "Don't separate yourself from the community," (Ethics of our Fathers, 2:5) communicates to us as Jews our commitment to social action. Our commitment is translated into actions to ensure justice for others and to improve relationships between people.

As the Critical Issue liaison, you are that link between your Sisterhood and the community. You will keep your members informed and prepared to take quick and effective action. To assist you in the work that you will undertake, we have enclosed the "Guidelines to the Task Force on Critical Issues." Those who have been liaisons before are familiar with the Guidelines' content, but for those who are new, let me share with you a brief explanation of the text.

The Guidelines are just exactly what they say they are, a guide. They are a tool that can be of assistance to you in understanding the following:

- 1) Why are we involved in critical issues?
- 2) What critical issues are we involved in?
- 3) What action can we take?

From time to time we will develop programmatic material and aids that can be used as companion pieces when your Sisterhood studies the issue. Sisterhoods can use this background information in deciding what form their action will be.

The main function of the alerts remains to be to keep you informed on the issues and pending legislation. As in the past, the alert will include a suggested action to take.

Below is a list of issues that need attention in the upcoming months.

Issues of concern for:

- a) women...
  - freedom of choice (abortion rights)
  - equal rights amendment
  - economic justice
  - domestic violence
  - rights of women in other countries
  - UN Decade for Women

- b) the family... - parental consent - regarding as a precondition for adolescents to receive family planning services
  - sex education
  - prayer in the school
  - tuition tax credits
  - textbook censorship
  - child pornography
  - child labor laws
- c) the U.S. community...
  - reduction in human services through budget cutbacks...
  - military spending
  - energy
  - capital punishment
  - gun control
  - religious extremism
  - immigration
  - constitutional conventions
- d) the world community ...
  - world hunger
  - human rights
  - nuclear disarmament
  - religious intolerance
  - Israel

Remember the NFTS resolutions and the past Biennial conventions have dealt with topics which you may be interested in but are not listed above. Your Sisterhoods have received in the past, The Index of Resolutions and the text of resolutions. These should be kept for your permanent files. Check with your District or NFTS if you have any problems.

This has just come to our attention, so we are passing the information along to you. You will be receiving material which is similar to this from time to time. Please respond to the action requested.

# DISPATCH



## Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights

100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002 (202) 543-7032

August 2, 1982

Get Ready, Get Set, Go!

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### S. 2148 AND S. 2372, THE HELMS AND HATFIELD HUMAN LIFE STATUTES

The time of confrontation approaches. Howard Baker (R-TN), Senate Majority Leader, has indicated that debate on a bill to raise the debt ceiling is likely to begin on August 16. PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS ON THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT SEN. BAKER HAS PROMISED SENATORS HELMS AND HATFIELD THE OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER THEIR ANTI-ABORTION BILLS AS AMENDMENTS.

While the exact scenario is beyond anyone's ability to predict, a good guess is that Sen. Helms will be given the first crack at amending the debt bill. Pro-choice Sen. Bob Packwood (R-OR), has promised a long and intense debate against the Helms amendment, S. 2148. Once the Helms proposal is defeated, (and we are counting on each of you to assist in achieving that end), then Sen. Hatfield is expected to offer his bill, S. 2372, as an amendment. Since Sen. Hatfield is highly regarded by his colleagues, his attempts to represent S. 2372 as a moderate proposal intended merely to make the current funding restrictions permanent, may sound convincing to many Senators. It is imperative that during the debate, pro-choice Senators be prepared to point to the more significant intent and implications of this proposal - only then will we defeat this amendment too.

While Senators Helms and Hatfield may modify their amendments up to the last moment before a vote, they will be adamant about retaining provisions to restrict the use of federal funds for abortion and related services, far beyond current restrictions, and to push the Supreme Court to reverse its 1973 decision and outlaw abortion. Thus, these bills will remain unacceptable to the pro-choice majority.

### HATCH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

In the meantime, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), continues to receive pressure from the Right-to-Life groups and as a result, continues to put public pressure on Sen. Baker to schedule debate on his constitutional amendment, S.J. Res. 110. The Senator is reported to be privately uncertain whether a vote on his amendment will help or hurt his reelection campaign. (There is an excellent chance that this amendment will at least reach the Senate floor, if not be voted upon, but the timing remains unknown.)

In fact, we have learned that several other conservative Senators are concerned that their constituents will construe debate on the abortion issue to be a terrible waste of time since the economy continues to crumble and other important issues go unresolved.

### THE PROPOSALS

- 1) The Hatch Human Life Federalism Amendment, S.J. Res. 110, stating that the right to abortion is not secured by the Constitution, and conferring upon both Congress and the states concurrent jurisdiction to limit or ban abortion;
- 2) A so-called "states' rights" amendment, not yet introduced, but expected as an amendment to S.J. Res. 110 when it reaches the Senate floor, that would grant states the authority to make abortion a crime, but would eliminate special "concurrent jurisdiction" for Congress to do so as well;
- 3) The Helms' Human Life Bill (originally introduced as S. 158, later reintroduced as S. 1741 and then S. 2148), defining "person" in the 14th Amendment to include the fetus from the moment of conception. S. 2148, called "Super Helms", also prohibits all direct and indirect use of federal funds for anything related to abortion, including counselling, research and data collection, and training in abortion techniques.

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- 4) A Hatfield Bill (S. 2372), similar to S. 2148 but with some changes. S. 2372 permanently restricts the direct use of federal funds for abortion and related services. While it does not overtly define "person", it nonetheless finds that "unborn children who are subjected to abortion are living members of the human species." On the basis of the findings, S. 2372 encourages states to pass laws prohibiting abortion - in direct contradiction to the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision by the Supreme Court.

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WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LET ANY OF THESE PROPOSALS PASS THE SENATE. PLEASE  
KEEP THE PRESSURE ON BOTH OF YOUR SENATORS TO VOTE AGAINST THESE PROPOSALS.  
ENCOURAGE YOUR PRO-CHOICE SENATORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SENATE FLOOR DEBATE.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Communication with your Senators is vital. Please write (or call) to your Senators now! (In Washington, D.C. call, (202) 224-3121). Write to: The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. The message must convey support for the 1973 Supreme Court decision, and opposition to any measure which seeks to overturn it or have it revised. No "compromise" or "moderate" proposal is acceptable, since even these are intended to lead to a reversal of Roe.

- 2) Activate phone trees, your own circle of friends, and any other network you may have access to. Literally thousands of letters are needed, and every one counts!
- 3) Share this alert with as many other people as possible. Post it on the social action bulletin board of your church or synagogue, or see if it can be mailed out with your church/synagogue newsletter. Reprint any portion of this alert, or call us and we will be happy to supply bulk quantities.

ARGUMENTS: 1. The present legal situation, governed by the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, permits every woman faced with a problem pregnancy to make a decision about whether to have an abortion on the basis of her own conscience and personal religious beliefs. This is the best possible system in our pluralistic society, which guarantees to each individual the free exercise of religion and prohibits governmental support for any one theological doctrine.

2. Contrary to the assertions of some, abortion is not a proper subject for debate and "compromise" by either the Congress or state legislative bodies. Because it involves both the First Amendment right of religious freedom and the right to privacy inherent in the Ninth and Fourteenth Amendments, abortion falls into the realm of individual liberties protected by the Constitution. In our democracy, such individual rights may not be removed by popular whim or political expediency.

3. Opinion polls have consistently shown that between 75 and 90 percent of Americans believe that abortion should be a private matter between a woman and her doctor and free from governmental interference. Given such a high degree of popular opposition to government involvement in this area, it is not only unnecessary but irresponsible to invite the Court to revoke constitutional protection of choice and once more sanction such governmental intrusion.

4. The pre-1973 situation, in which abortion was legalized in some states while severely restricted in others, allowed wealthy women to exercise freedom of conscience and choice, while those with limited incomes were coerced into carrying problem pregnancies to term or submitted to dangerous, illegal procedures. We cannot support a return to this discriminatory policy.

FROM: Judith Hertz  
Critical Issues Chairwoman

September 1982

TO: Critical Issues Liaisons, District Critical Issues Chairwomen, NFTS Board  
of Directors

FACT: According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a higher proportion of women vote than men. In 1980 more women under the age of 45 voted than men in the same age group.

FACT: According to the same report, young women are more likely to vote than young men.

These are only a few facts that appeared in a recent New York Times article. Women's voting patterns are requiring candidates to revise their campaign strategies. Women are reviewing candidates' records, campaign promises and statements. It is becoming clear that women's vote counts and women are being courted for their vote. Women have become a political constituency to reckon with.

Women's groups are establishing priorities by re-evaluating their programs and strategies. Sisterhoods should be doing the same. Critical Issues programs can be planned to meet the new needs. To aid you this alert provides the most recent information on the equal rights movement and regulations mandating parental involvement in minor's rights to privacy to obtain prescribed contraceptives. Included are some concerns for Sisterhood programs. Those concerns include inclusive language, world hunger and "Issues of Conscience."

## 1) UPDATE ON EQUAL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES:

On July 1, 1982 women all over the U.S. took part in a kick-off to launch a vigorous new effort for achieving equality on a state-to-state basis through grass-roots activism. NFTS has been in the forefront concerning equal rights for women. NFTS is one of forty religious organizations that are members of R-NEW (formerly the Religious Committee for the ERA).

NFTS President Constance Kreshtool, said in a R-NEW press release that "RENEW (sic) affirms our religious commitment to equality of women and men, not only in the eyes of God, but within our legal and political systems. To believe otherwise, denies our Jewish mandate to accord dignity to each person."

R-NEW's focus for the next couple of months will be to mobilize religious women and men for the Fall elections. A meeting could be planned on the upcoming elections and the candidates. We have included a copy in this mailing of Relay, a resource prepared by R-NEW, which can be used as a guideline.

If you are not planning a full meeting on this issue, you may want to take some time to review your members' involvement with the equal rights movement.

Some questions to ask:

- 1) What issues raised by the amendment were the most important to you and your members?
- 2) How do you see your Sisterhood members, collectively or individually, being involved in the equal rights movement in the future?

## 2) NFTS PROGRAMMATIC SUGGESTIONS AND RESOURCES

### A. INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE FOR PRAYER: by Ronnie Horn and Judith Hertz

- QUESTION: Can prayer utilize language that maintains a sense of God's presence, care, protection, and rule without using specific masculine or feminine images?
- QUESTION: Do masculine pronouns and metaphors reinforce a mental picture of God as male?
- QUESTION: Are our thoughts about God unconsciously shaped by the words that we use when we pray?

These are a few of the thought provoking questions this program addresses. This program is designed to help women clarify their feelings about exclusive (sexist) and inclusive (non-sexist) liturgical language. During this program women are able to explore their feelings about prayer through brain-storming, consciousness-raising and by developing a model worship service. The program's goal is to promote deeper awareness of worship and language.

### B. WORLD HUNGER: AT HOME AND ABROAD: by Marjorie Yudkin

- FACT: Two out of three poor adults are women.
- FACT: Families with female heads have a poverty rate six times that of male-headed families.
- FACT: One billion people, nearly five times the population of the U.S., are hungry individuals.

This manual is designed to be used as a study guide to explore the problem of world hunger within the context of Jewish traditions and Jewish imperatives. It could be used to create Sisterhood program events. The focus of the programs are study or action-oriented. Of particular interest are programs one and two. They explore personal moral conduct and Jewish values by studying Pirke Avot: Sayings of the Sages excerpts and Biblical passages. Any woman can coordinate the program using the study guides.

### C. ISSUES OF CONSCIENCE: A SISTERHOOD SHABBAT SERVICE: by the Temple Israel Sisterhood, Stockton, California.

#### PEACE

We must begin with our family  
to show our love and to teach tolerance and kindness.  
We must demonstrate in our community  
willingness to accept and to lend a helping hand.  
We must be a voice in our country  
to show our concern for the human rights and personal  
dignity of people in all countries.

This excerpt is from a beautiful and creative Sabbath service written by Sisterhood of Temple Israel, Stockton, California. The service illuminates our interest and concern for domestic issues, global problems and world Jewry. There is a place within the service for a sermon written by one of your Sisterhood members. Your Sisterhood, congregation, or community concerns can be the topics for the sermon.

This is a model from which you can build. It can be used for Sisterhood Sabbath, for a social action day, or in conjunction with your Sisterhood's participation in the Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry.

Copies are available for any of the above programs; please forward your requests to NFTS.

- a. "Inclusive Language for Prayer" and "Issues of Conscience: A Shabbat Worship Service" is free for the first copy to a Sisterhood. Extra copies @75¢ or 6 @ \$4.00, plus postage.
- b. "Hunger: At Home and Abroad" is \$5.00, plus postage, per set, book plus instruction manual, four or more sets is \$4.00, plus postage.

3) UPDATE ON THE TITLE X-PUBLIC HEALTH ACT-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION FOR FAMILY PLANNING:

BACKGROUND:

On February 22, 1978, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) proposed regulations requiring that the parents of adolescents be notified in virtually all instances when prescription birth control methods (the diaphragm, oral contraceptives, and the IUD) are provided under the Title X of the Public Health Act. These changes would reverse the original intent of Title X. The Administration's rationale is that this will discourage sexual activity.

The Title X family planning legislation was enacted in 1970. It is the backbone of the nation's effort to help unintended adolescent pregnancies. The purpose of the legislation was (and remains) to make "comprehensive voluntary planning services available to all persons requiring such services."

Over the 12 years of the program's existence, DHHS has required the services to be provided without discrimination with regard to age or sex and to be purely confidential and voluntary. The original text does not lend a detailed explanation on how parents should be involved. Since 1970, the issue has been discussed twice, in 1975 and 1980, pending the legislation's expiration. Each time the Congress amended the text to encourage and include parental involvement whenever feasible.

The following facts released by the Alan Guttmacher Institute reveal the impact of family planning clinics have had on teenage sexuality.

FACT: Nearly 1.5 million sexually active teenagers attended family planning clinics in 1979. This number only represents one third of all sexually active teenagers who are in need of family planning services.

FACT: In one year alone (1979), more than 400,000 unintended teenage pregnancies were averted through the national family planning program.

FACT: In the last decade, contraceptive use by sexually active teenagers increased 35 percent. Before clinic enrollment, eight out of ten teenagers used one of the least effective contraceptive methods or no method at all. After enrollment 71% used one of the most effective methods.

MAJOR PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES:

- . Family planning projects would have to notify both parents or the legal guardian of all minors under the age of 18 after providing prescription drugs or devices to them for the first time. The notification would have to take place within 10 days of the clinic visit and the teenager would have to be informed of the notice requirement before services were provided to her. In addition, the clinic would have to verify (by means unspecified in the regulations) that the notice had been received by both parents or the guardian. If receipt of the notice could not be verified, no more prescription contraceptives could be provided.

- . The notification requirement would apply to all unemancipated minors, even in the 30 states and the District of Columbia that specifically affirm the rights of minors to obtain family planning services on their own consent. In these cases, the federal regulations would overrule the state laws. NOTE: On the other hand, state laws that are more restrictive than the federal regulations would have to be followed instead of the federal laws.
- . The notification requirement could only be waived when the project director found (it is not specified how) "evidence of a history of child abuse, sexual abuse, or incest, or where there are other substantial grounds to determine that notification would result in physical harm to the minor by a parent or guardian." However, the exception would not apply to cases where "notification could result in no more disciplinary actions of an unsubstantial action" (again not defined).
- . Projects would have to keep records for every notification and verification, on the number of waivers, and the 'factual basis' for each waiver.
- . The current regulatory requirement that teenagers who are concerned about confidentiality must be eligible for services based on their own income, rather than of their parents', would be revoked.
- . Notification would not be required for drugs and treatment for venereal diseases.

#### WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT OF MANDATORY PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT?

- 1) Teens would be deterred from using effective contraceptives. A 1979/80 survey concludes that about one in four young people currently attending a clinic would stop coming.
- 2) There would be an increase in teenage pregnancies, high-risk births and abortions.
- 3) Adolescent sexual activity would not be curbed. Most teenagers wait almost a year after becoming sexually active to seek contraceptives.
- 4) The health of young people would not be protected.
- 5) Many teenagers would resort to lying and forging their parents' signatures to circumvent parental involvement.
- 6) The regulation in many instances would seriously disrupt family life, particularly in cases where the adolescent does not have a good relationship with her parents or where the relationship between the parents is tenuous.

#### WHAT IS OUR CONNECTION AND POSITION TO THIS ISSUE?

Our children assure us of the perpetuation of the Jewish people.

The Jewish family is the model...

...where our values and religious principles are formulated;

...where our responsibilities for ourselves, our family, and our community are defined and translated into actions;

...where our self-identity and self-confidence are reinforced;

...where joyous occasions are shared and support is given in times of sadness and trouble.

We nurture open communications. We encourage autonomous decision-making which can be translated into thoughtful, responsible action. We provide tools and skills which will enable our children to survive in this world. The institution of family is at the core of Jewish life.

For Reform Jewish women, the issue of parental notification creates complexity and confusion. The roles we have assumed, mother, wife, and advocate are now in opposition. As advocates, we are involved in issues that protect and sustain the rights of other women to have the freedom of choice over decisions that would affect their lives and their bodies. As mothers, we want to be aware and participate in the decision-making processes that affect the lives of our children.

In reality, however, every family cannot provide the necessary support system. Every family is not warm, sensitive and comforting. In many cases there is a lack of communication between husband and wife, parents and children, and siblings. When the time comes when a young woman wishes to become sexually active, who does she turn to. She may wish to obtain prescribed birth control. She may not feel comfortable or feels she cannot discuss it with her parents. In the past her alternative has been to go to a clinic where birth control is prescribed.

If the regulation, as it exists now, were to pass, a viable safe alternative would be eliminated. A young woman would not be able to take any precautions or have to leave it up to the boy. The result could be an unwanted pregnancy.

This would prove to be another example where women are subject to an outside agent, the federal government, to determine what she can do with and to her body.

#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

We are suggesting that your Sisterhood sit down and discuss this entire issue in the following ways:

- a. Bring in a guest speaker from Planned Parenthood and/or RCAR if they are in your area. They could discuss with your members the ramifications of the legislation. They could explain the services they provide to teenagers and how many teenagers they see. They could indicate what might be the projected effects of this legislation.
- b. Sponsor a program where Sisterhood members would have the opportunity to express, clarify, and share their feelings on this issue. How do they feel about teenage sexuality? How do they perceive their own children as sexual human beings?
- c. Sisterhood could sponsor a mother-daughter program. This program would provide an opportunity to open or reinforce existing communication between the two.

NFTS is a founding and continuing member of the Religious Committee for Abortion Rights (RCAR). RCAR advocates for women's rights to freedom of choice in accordance with her conscience and her religious beliefs. RCAR has state affiliates and coordinators across the country. Attached is an updated list. Please get in touch with your state coordinators for resource material, ideas and possible speakers and to offer your services.

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THE RELIGIOUS NETWORK FOR EQUALITY FOR WOMEN

Local, State, and National People of Faith Working Together for Equal Rights

## RCERA Embraces Future

Adopts new name and broader purpose

Decisions demand a great deal--of energy, of thoughtful reflection on options, analysis of values, and deliberative strategizing. Faced with the reality which June 30, 1982, hoisted upon us, the Religious Committee for the ERA engaged in a prayerful and creative process designed to facilitate informed decision-making on our future and decide is what we did. In biblical language, we decided to "choose life so that we and our descendants might live."

The Religious Network for Equality for Women was a gentle although deliberate and creative evolution of RCERA. Recognizing that the deep and pervasive religious values of justice and liberation for all persons know no barriers of time, acknowledge no deadlines, respect no artificial boundaries, the forty member groups of RCERA assembled in Stony Point, New York to choose their preferred future.

The same religious values which energized and gave direction to our work for the Equal Rights Amendment will guide and inform the activities of RNEW in a broader but no less challenging arena--working for the elimination of economic and legal inequities which face women in every arena local, state, and national.

We recognize our responsibility as people of faith to participate in the political process in a serious and responsible way. We recognize our responsibility as people of faith to educate, to study issues, to explore options, to make informed decisions and to help others to do the same.

As the religious community, we have something specific to say: we speak out of a faith perspective. Therefore, when we produce a resource or have an event, it's not just another event or resource.

We recognize our deeply held values re-

(Future: see back page)

## Women Vote:

A RNEW Citizen Action Kit

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R.N.E.W. has pledged to make people of faith effective public policy advocates on both state and national legislation. Its commitment to struggle for equal rights for women is stronger than ever. Involvement by all those concerned for justice in the political process of this country is a MUST. People of justice, people of faith have to speak loud and clear through their vote.

To promote such political participation, R.N.E.W. has produced WOMEN VOTE - A Citizen Action Kit. The purpose is to provide a concrete tool for grassroot organizing. Providing information about issues relating to justice for women, the kit can be used both individually and in groups.

The "Citizen Action Kit" is designed to help effectively mobilize people to participate in the political process by taking their responsibility to vote seriously. In an uncomplicated way the kit offers ideas, suggestions and information for organizing in order to make known the stance of religious people on different issues affecting women.

WOMEN VOTE - A Citizen Action Kit contains the following:

- [R]eflecting: -Reflections on the biblical and theological basis for citizen action.  
-Motivational meditation on the need for involvement in justice for women.
- [N]etworking: -How to network with individuals and groups to gain the strength of numbers.  
-How to organize a concerted effort around issues.

(Women Vote: see back page)

## ISSUES OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO WOMEN

RNEW is an interreligious network for equality for women. Here identified are the broad issues facing our elected officials that are of special concern to women. These issues will be specified in bills which will be submitted to our local, state, and national legislators. Groups must find out the specific piece of legislation that is drafted regarding these issues. Bills require careful study and the proposed amendments to the bills are often what make or kill a bill. (More on this in WOMEN VOTE - A Citizen Action Kit.)

PROGRAM	FISCAL YEAR 1983 REAGAN BUDGET PROPOSALS AND IMPACT ON WOMEN
<u>Nutrition</u>	
<i>WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Food Program:</i> all of the 2 million recipients are women and children identified as "nutritional risks"	Terminate as separate program and include in block grant, giving states broad program discretion; cut money earmarked for WIC by \$300 million, eliminating 700,000 participants unless states choose to fund from own resources
<i>Food Stamps:</i> 85% of the 22 million recipients are women and children	Cut by \$2.3 billion (on top of FY'82 cut of \$2.4 billion); 16% of food-stamp households will lose all benefits; 70% will lose some benefits
<i>School Lunch Program:</i> 48% of families served are headed by women	Freeze funds at FY'82 level (a 35% cut from FY'81) and withdraw "entitlement" status (allowing further administrative cuts); some 9.5 million children will be dropped from the program
<u>Medical Care</u>	
<i>Family Planning:</i> 99% of 4.5 million users are women	Freeze funds at FY'82 level (a 25% cut from FY'81); reduce federal matching funds by half; include program in block grant to states with new regulations for parental notification for birth control prescribed for minors
<i>Medicaid:</i> 61% of recipients are women	Cut by \$2.1 billion and reduce federal funds for optional services (glasses, prenatal care, physical therapy, dental care)
<i>Medicare:</i> 60% of enrollees are women	Cut by \$2.5 billion and increase share of expenses (currently more than 50%) borne by enrollees
<u>Employment</u>	
<i>CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act):</i> women are more than 60% of those eligible	Eliminate program at end of FY'82 and institute a much reduced state-controlled substitute
<u>Education</u>	
<i>Title I--Compensatory Education for the disadvantaged:</i> 60% of families served are headed by women	Cut service levels by 50%, eliminating 2.5 million children from program
<u>Energy</u>	
<i>Low-Income Energy Assistance:</i> 85% of 8.5 million household served are elderly or headed by women	Cut by 31% and require reductions based on food-stamp allowance forcing many to choose between food and heat; 2.3 million households will be dropped from program
<u>Income Supports</u>	
<i>AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children):</i> 93% of 4 million served are women and children	Cut by \$2 billion (federal, state, and local funds); tighten eligibility; require "workfare"; at least 600,000 families will lose AFDC (and Medicaid eligibility) or receive reduced benefits; more than 150,000 families will no longer qualify for federally aided child care
<i>SSI (Supplemental Security Income):</i> women make up most of 4.2 million aged, blind, or disabled recipients	Cut by \$286 million; tighten eligibility; 2.6 million, or 65% of recipients, will have benefits eliminated or reduced
<u>Legal Services</u>	
<i>Legal Services Corporation:</i> 67% of clients are poor women	Eliminate program (or restrict kinds of litigation allowed); if eliminated, well over a million poor people will lose access to judicial system

Keep in mind that all these programs are being cut from the Federal Budget while the military budget is increasing at an unprecedented rate--a rate never experienced before in the history of this nation. These human services programs will be further limited in the future because of the cost of interest payments that the U.S. government must pay on loans to cover its deficit further aggravated by Reagan's refusal to cut the military budget. In the next few years state and local governments will be deciding if and how they will pick up cuts in these human services programs.

Chart taken from Ms. Magazine, p. 221, July-Aug. 1982 issue.

## DEMOCRACY: A Political Process on the People

Our first and foremost concern as we attempt to influence society at large and our government in particular in favor of equality for women is to increase participation in the electoral process. A sense of powerlessness is immobilizing many of us. The apathy reflected in the last presidential election when only 53% of the electorate voted has set us in a suicidal course. We have abdicated our power to influence decision-making.

We all know that the present economic-political arrangement primarily benefits corporations, financial institutions, and wealthy individuals. Our apathy, our frustration, our "Why bother?" attitude simply makes their work very easy. Popular democracy requires widespread involvement from the bottom up. Grassroots participation is not optional in our democratic process. Without it we simply give in to those with vested interest in the present legal unjust/violent situation.

There are, contrary to the opinion of those who have thrown the towel in, concrete ways which we can take to bring about a true popular democratic system of government in this country. The following three avenues can be taken to bring about change in our political system.

- 1st. The government needs popular support. Often we fail to understand that silence is understood as consent. When we fail to express our dissent we passively tolerate what we really do not support. We need to network with others and say "no." There are many different non-violent ways of letting government know that we do not support their measures.
- 2nd. Corporations, financial institutions and wealthy individuals work adamantly to establish their own candidates in positions of power. We can exercise power also: we can support, work and contribute to viable incumbents or we can urge justice persons to run for political office.
- 3rd. Most states and cities have laws that allow for initiative and referendum. We can use such means to propose and pass the legislation necessary to undo the present oppressive structure.

It is our civil and moral obligation to participate actively in the political process. We must do all we can to reclaim substantial control over our lives and destinies. We must be concerned; we must be active. Only then will we be able to claim that we are politically responsible.  
(These ideas were taken from the editorial for Groundwork, Summer 1982.)

( Women Vote: from front page)

**E**nergizing: -The why and value of women voting.  
-Getting personally involved: how to do it!

**W**orking for Change: -Guidelines for permissible election activities for tax-exempt groups.  
-How to work with the News Media.  
-The ins and outs of publicity campaigns.  
-How to assess where candidates stand in regard to issues affecting women.  
-How to pose questions to candidates.

WOMEN VOTE - A Citizen Action Kit is available for \$4.50 prepaid from:

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( RNEW Future: from front page)

Regarding our responsibility to the poor and powerless. RNEW commits itself in a special way to address these issues which demand a courageous and faithfilled response--issues which display the stark realities of crippling poverty along with affluence which ignores its presence.

Our enduring religious values call us to action. They are unchanging values because they come as a challenge to us from a God whose name is justice and whose message is liberation. RNEW is committed to a sustained and faithfilled response to that challenge. We welcome you to our renewed journey.



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## THANK YOU!

Dear RCERA supporter and advocate  
for women's rights:

Thank you for the support that you have given together with us to try to make the ratification of the ERA a reality. We fought a valiant fight to try to see that legal justice would come to women in this country. The National Membership Board of RCERA and RNEW recognizes with pride and thankfulness the long hours, money, and energy spent by you to try to influence legislators to support the ERA.

Equally important, we recognize that it has been women and men like you all over this country who have had to lead at the same time religious groups to increase their support of women's legal equality. You have helped unearth the folly of wasting the resources and skills of women, both without and within the religious community.

Please take the rest you need. Renew yourself for there is still plenty of work ahead as you know all too well. As you can see in this newsletter, RNEW plans to be a part of that continued struggle for women's rights. And we covenant with you to see that the religious community and increasingly its leadership participate in the ongoing struggle for legal equality and justice for women. Together with you and with the fire of equality, we will prevail.

Louise Bowman, Chair of RNEW  
Rev. Delores J. Moss, Nat'l Coordinator

**\* NOTICE \* NOTICE \***

Please bear with us as we go through the process of changing our name on our materials and while we use up our leftover RCERA stock and supplies. We are trying to be good stewards of our financial and physical resources. Let people know that RNEW and RCERA are one and the same.

## ERA Reintroduced in Congress

Proponents of the Equal Rights Amendment returned to halls of Congress on July 14, 1982, introducing a new ERA bill for passage through the House and Senate. Rep. Peter Rodino (D-NJ), chairman of the Judiciary Committee, is the chief House sponsor. Paul Tsongas (D-MA) and Bob Packwood (R-OR) are the chief sponsors in the Senate.

Most ERA supporters and organizations have turned their primary energy this fall to the November elections. The ERA appears to fall  
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short of the necessary two-thirds majority needed in both Senate and House for passage. Women see that the only way to change that margin is through the ballot box.

RNEW and the religious community supported efforts to reintroduce the ERA. However, RNEW is currently assessing if it is the most timely legislation on which to work nationally at present.

Check the list below for your congressional representatives. If they are not listed, write or call them immediately to ask them why, ask for their support on record.

(list as of July 15, 1982)

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FROM:

Edith J. Miller

September 8, 1982

Theodore K. Broido

NFTS

Enclosed please find a memo from Eli Schwartz in regard to NFTS representation on UAHC committees and commissions. I have discussed this with Alex and he asked that you please put the two recommendations of Connie Kreshtool into process, namely inviting Helene Spring to serve on the Committee on New Congregations and Dolores Wilkenfeld to serve on the Public Relations Committee

Please issue invitations in Don's name. Many thanks.

# MEMORANDUM

Date September 3, 1982

From Eleanor R. Schwartz *ers*

To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Copy for information of Constance Kreshtool

Subject NFTS representation on UAHC committees and commissions

This is a reminder of your invitation to Connie to designate NFTS leaders to serve on some of the committees and commissions in the UAHC dealing with some special matters. In particular, you mentioned two -- one, the Committee on New Congregations of the UAHC Board of Trustees, and two, the new TV/PR Committee. Connie would be most appreciative if Helene Spring could be designated to represent NFTS on the Committee on new Congregations even though Helene is already a member of the UAHC Board in her own right. We know that she will be at UAHC Board meetings and she well understands the importance of a new congregation immediately organizing a Sisterhood and having that group a part of NFTS.

Dolores Wilkenfeld, NFTS 1st Vice President, has had considerable experience with public relations, actually involved in considerable number of radio and television shows in Houston. We believe that Dolores will bring to the work of this Committee valuable insights. We also believe that Dolores would be able to participate in meetings and, where she would not be able to participate, Connie and/or I would be available.

We would appreciate copies of the letters of invitation when they are sent.

Many thanks.

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NFTS

August 24, 1982

Ms. Barbara Mange,  
Program Chairman  
Congregation Temple Israel  
10675 Ladue Road  
St. Louis, MO 63141

Dear Ms. Mange:

A prior engagement made long ago will make it impossible for me to be at your Sisterhood meeting. I much regret this.

It would have been a delight to join you.

With every good wish for a successful meeting, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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CONGREGATION TEMPLE ISRAEL

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Dear Rabbi Schindler,

The Reform Jewish Sisterhoods of St. Louis are holding their annual Co-op Day on Monday, March 21, 1983. Temple Israel, Bnei El, United Hebrew and Shaare Emeth Sisterhoods invite you to be our Keynote Speaker for our Co-op which will be held at Temple Israel.

We would be so honored to welcome a luminary such as you to our community. I

hope you will be able to address our meeting.

CEAH

Dear Mrs. Marge -

A prior engagement made long ago will make it impossible for me to be at your Sisterhood mtg. I much regret this. It would have been a delight to join you.  
And all greetings

Sincerely,

Barbara Marge

program chairman

NFTS

June 29, 1982

Mrs. Constance Kreshtool  
President, National Federation  
of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Connie:

To you and the women of Sisterhood, I express profound appreciation in behalf of the UAHC. The additional \$20,570.81 which NFTS has voted to provide the UAHC for youth and college programming is indeed a most gratifying gift. We are all deeply grateful to NFTS for the generosity, the concern and the commitment of your wonderful organization.

With heartfelt thanks and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Donald S. Day, Esq.



NATIONAL FEDERATION  
OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT      CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

June 29, 1982

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

Dear Alex:

At our June 16 meeting the Executive Committee of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods voted to give an additional \$20,570.81 to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for youth work. The Committee designated \$12,000 of this amount for College programming.

This allocation brings our total gift of YES Funds for the current fiscal year (1981-82) to \$70,570.81. We are especially pleased that this amount represents a substantial increase over last year's contribution.

I appreciated very much that you were able to speak to our Executive Committee on issues of such vital concern to all of us.

With my best wishes,

*Connie*

President

CK:h

cc: Donald Day, Chairman

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Edith J. Miller

June 29, 1982

Joshua M. Dwork

Enclosed herewith is a check to the UAHC from the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in the amount of \$20,570.81. This is for youth work and we have been asked to designate \$12,000 of this amount for college programing. Please be certain to credit accordingly.

Thank you.

NFTS

May 19, 1982

Mrs. Constance Krashtool  
President, NFTS  
711 Coverly Road  
Wilmington, DE 19802

Dear Connie:

For Don and myself, and for the entire Union of American Hebrew Congregations, I express heartfelt appreciation for your letter of May 18 and the \$50,000 allocation from the NFTS Yes Fund for the Youth Program of the UAHC. The continued support of NFTS is very dear to us all, it is a source of great strength to our Movement in every way.

Please convey our deepest appreciation to the women of NFTS.

With thanks and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz

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Edith J. Miller

May 18, 1982

Joshua M. Dwork

CHECK FROM NFTS

Enclosed is a check from NFTS in the amount of \$50,000., payable to the UANC. This represents the NFTS allocation from their YES Fund for the NFTS Fiscal year of October 81 to 82.



NATIONAL FEDERATION  
OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT      CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

May 18, 1982

Mr. Donald S. Day, Chairman  
UAHC Board of Trustees  
56 Devonshire Road  
Kenmore, New York 14223

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

Dear Don and Alex:

It is my pleasure to send you the NFTS 1981-82 budget allocation from our YES Fund in the amount of \$50,000 for the Youth Program of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. To this we expect to add the portion of the 1980-81 YES Fund surplus; the exact amount will be determined by our Executive Committee at our meeting on June 16, 1982, and will be forwarded to you shortly thereafter.

We know how important the UAHC Youth Program is to the future of Reform Judaism and to the American Jewish community. For this reason we are continually seeking ways to increase contributions from our Sisterhoods to our YES Fund.

I look forward to being with you on Sunday at the Trustees meeting.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

President

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Enc.: Check in the amount of  
\$50,000.00, delivered to  
Rabbi Schindler

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# UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

*NFTB*  
May 5, 1982

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

Dear Alex:

I had what I consider to be an excellent meeting with the NFTB people in Chicago on Tuesday and I am enclosing a copy of a Memorandum I dictated shortly after it broke up.

I really believe that David Krem, Bob Katz and his people would very much like to work out the situation along the lines we discussed at our own meeting and I propose to go to Chicago on May 20th to attend their Board meeting and try to sell it.

Cordially

*Donald S. Day*

Donald S. Day

DSD:FS  
Enc.

c/c: Mr. Theodore K. Broido  
Mr. Joshua Dwork  
Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.



M E M O R A N D U M

May 5, 1982

RE: UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS  
NFTB

On Tuesday, May 4th, I met in Chicago with David Krem, Bob Katz and Herb Panoff. The Meeting went very well.

I started the Meeting by reviewing with them the comments which Josh Dwork had made on the projected savings which the NFTB had reported they would be able to achieve in the event that they left 838 Fifth Avenue. I explained to them the potential termination pay and unemployment compensation liability and after reviewing in some detail Josh Dwork's other comments, Bob Katz interrupted to state that he was very much in accord with the figures which we were presenting and that as a matter of fact, his own study indicated that it would cost them \$50,000 to move. He accepted without much question the proposition that the Union would be about \$20,000 cash richer in the event that NFTB moved out of the building.

As a matter of fact, Bob Katz interrupted to make the point that he personally, and apparently Herb Panoff and David Krem as well, had been personally embarrassed with what had taken place at the Meeting in New York. They apparently felt that some of the previous reports were ridiculous and were personally unhappy with some of the remarks which had been made at that Meeting by representatives for NFTB.

It became very clear that Bob Katz, who is now chairing a Committee which will report to the NFTB at its Board Meeting in Chicago, will not recommend a move and will, in fact, endorse the figures which Josh Dwork has developed. He very much disassociated himself from Mort Kemper and stated very clearly that in his perception, (and he appeared to be talking for David Krem as well) the NFTB had for 7 years been influenced strongly by anti-Union people.

They then asked me what basis we were willing to work out for the NFTB to remain at 838. I told them that we would expect (a) that the Union be reimbursed for all of the out of pocket costs advanced by the Union to carry their payroll and fringe benefits, (b) that the Union be reimbursed for all direct printing and other costs incurred on behalf of the NFTB to the extent that they used Union services, (c) that they pay \$9.00 per square foot rental for the 1,421 square feet of space occupied by them, (d) that they give up the \$30,000 annual support from the Union.

Bob Katz indicated that he would probably recommend this but that they wanted the right to reduce their space if the NFTB paid the cost of remodeling. This was last on the table since I indicated to them that I did not know whether the space (about 400 square feet), which they might consider giving up, and which is in the northeast corner of the building, would be usable by the Union. He responded that he thought that ARZA wanted it and that NFTB could, at its own expense, remodel its existing space into a much more efficient operation.

We then discussed my appearance at the NFTB Meeting in Chicago. They asked me to make a presentation to their Board and emphasize the willingness of the Union to give up and wipe out its \$170,000 receivable as an accommodation to NFTB in order to work out an arrangement to keep them in the present building. They need this support for political purposes. They also wanted me to emphasize the fact that the monies paid by NFTB to the Union were not being used by the Union to "support other organizations". Finally, they asked me to make a pitch to their Board to promote not only the NFTB and JCS but also the Union as well and try to undo some of the harm that has been done over the past 7 years.

Bob Katz plans to meet with Josh Dwork and go over additional figures with him in order to support Bob's own report to his Board. I am to alert Josh to expect a call.

I will also be hearing from either Av Bondarin or David Krem between now and the NFTB Meeting in Chicago as to how they want me to handle the matter with them at that time.

D. S. Day

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April 19, 1982

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood  
1435 West 7th Street  
San Pedro, CA 90732

Dear Friends:

We have just received your most gracious contribution to the UAHC Reading Room in honor of Lydia Kukoff. I write to express our appreciation for your generosity and for your thoughtfulness in paying tribute to Lydia Kukoff in this lovely manner.

With every good wish and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Edith J. Miller

April 19, 1982

Joshua Dwork

9        We received the enclosed check for the UAHC Reading  
Room in the amount of \$50.00 from the Temple Beth-El  
Sisterhood, San Pedro, California. Please credit this  
to the Outreach program.

Temple Beth El makes this  
contribution to the Reading Room  
project in honor of

Lydia Kukuloff

UATC Reading Room SIR

Thank you

NFTS

March 11, 1982

Ms. Roberta Kalmar  
571 8th Street  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215

Dear Ms. Kalmar:

It was good to learn that you have joined the staff of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods as Staff Executive of the Department of Membership and Administrative Services and Assistant to the Director. I am delighted to welcome you to our midst.

I look forward to meeting and greeting you personally and want to take this opportunity to wish you well in your new endeavors. It is my fond hope you will derive a full measure of personal and professional happiness, satisfaction and fulfillment from your new responsibilities.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# MEMORANDUM

Date February 23, 1982

From Eleanor R. Schwartz *es*

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_

Subject New Staff Appointment

I am pleased to tell you that we will welcome a new member of the NFTS Executive staff on March 8th to serve as the Staff Executive of the Department on Membership and Administrative Services and Assistant to the Director. She is Roberta Kalmar, and for your information, attached is a copy of her curriculum vitae.

I will look forward to the opportunity of introducing Ms. Kalmar to the senior staff at the first appropriate opportunity.

*Send her  
a note, SSK*

/ljb

**Roberta Kalmar**

571 8th Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11215  
(212) 499-8993

MOST RECENT POSITION:

Deputy Director for Administration and Planning,  
Vera Institute of Justice-- Job Path Program:  
Administrative Officer and Director of Job Development,  
with these responsibilities:

- Supervising job development
- Administrative management of the program
- Development of policies and procedures

PAST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1979 to 1981 Director, Graham-Windham Family Services, Brooklyn,  
New York

Program Development and Program Accountability; Proposal Writing  
and Monitoring of Grants; Field Instructor for Fordham University,  
School of Social Service.

1977-1979 Committee on the Handicapped, New York City Board of Education

Coordinator of the social services; management of Special Project  
and supervision of clinical and clerical staffs.

1977-1978 Director of Administration, Sphere Community Center  
For The Arts. Brooklyn, NY.

Responsibilities include: program design; policy development;  
fiscal management; liaison to corporate and business community.

1976-1977 Program Coordinator, Buckingham Schools. Flushing, NY.

Supervision of staff. Wrote successful proposal for a \$90,000  
State Education Dept. Grant. Member of the Internal Board of  
Administrators.

1974-1975 Social Worker, Bureau of Child Guidance. Brooklyn, NY.

Evaluation of social services. Social work consultant.

1971-1974 Social Worker, Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service.

Casework and group work with children and families.

continued.....

Roberta Kalmar  
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1968-1969          Caseworker, Department of Social Services, New York  
  
Assessment of eligibility for governmental assistance.

EDUCATION:

1977	Certificate in Fund Raising	Adelphi University
1976	Master of Public Administration	John Jay College
1971	M.S.W.	New York University
1970	Program in Social Welfare	London School of Economics
1968	B. A.	Brooklyn College

PUBLICATIONS:

1981 "The Home Study: Rights of Prospective Adoptive Parents."  
Adoptalk, December 1981.

1977 Child Abuse: Perspectives on Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention. (Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt)

1977 Abortion: The Emotional Implications. (Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt)

1976 Surveying American Public Administration: A Study Guide.  
(New York: City University of New York).

1976 "Comparative Perspective on Abortion Policy in the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union". International Social Work, Vol. XIX No. 2.

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Furnished upon request

WFTS

January 14, 1982

Mrs. Bette Gilbert  
2580 Boundbrook Blvd. #102  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Dear Mrs. Gilbert:

Many thanks for your gracious invitation to address the first Biennial of the Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, District 13 this October. I can appreciate that this is a very important "first" for District 13 and thus I am all the more regretful that it will not be possible for me to be with you.

Unfortunately, I have a schedule conflict and it is simply not feasible for me to be in Tampa in mid-October. I do hope you can understand and appreciate my predicament.

If I may make a suggestion, your Biennial might be a lovely time to introduce the new regional director of the UAHC's Southeast Council to the women of District 13. Rabbi Lewis Littman will begin his directorship on July 1 and while he will be meeting people throughout the region over the summer, you might want to consider inviting him on a formal basis to attend the District 13 Biennial. He's a wonderful young man, a fine rabbi and I believe he will make a wonderful impact on the region.

With repeated regrets that I cannot be with you in October and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Ms. Eleanor Schwartz

bcc: Bob Benjamin -- Thanks for your good suggestion and your counsel. Sorry to hear your back is out - oy! - feel better!

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*David*

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*Bob*

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

On October 15, 16, and 17, the Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, District 13 NFTS, will hold its first District Biennial. "First" because prior to this we have held our Biennials jointly with the UAHC/SEC. Due to many problems encountered in both Mobile - 1980 and Clearwater - 1978, our District voted to go on its own in 1982.

Without going into details, I must confide that this is a crucial conference for SEFTS. In order to regain the confidence and interest, and to encourage the maximum participation of the 53 Sisterhoods with over 8000 members in our District (and all Congregation members), we must offer an outstanding program.

It is with this in mind that we extend to you this invitation to attend our Biennial, planned for Tampa, Florida, October 15 to 17, 1982. We can and will be flexible in our program to accommodate your schedule.

We look forward to your response and sincerely hope we can look forward to your attendance.

Very sincerely,

*Bette Gilbert*

Bette Gilbert

cc: Eleanor Schwartz, Executive Director, NFTS

Mrs. Bette Gilbert  
2580 Boundbrook Blvd., #102  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

NFTS

December 23, 1981

Mrs. Dorothy S. Kotzin  
Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood  
100 Academy Road  
Albany, N.Y. 12208

Dear Mrs. Kotzin:

Thank you for your letter, even if it was a disturbing note among many, many hundreds of others of great approval received about the Biennial.

I expressed to the NFTS convention both great respect and admiration for their contributions to the Reform movement as well as regret over having missed, under trying circumstances which I did not stress, my original appointment. Would you have preferred me to be less honest in explaining the situation? Our sages, as you know, call for the integrity of frankly admitting error rather than glossing over it and then seeking forgiveness.

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Once again, I am sorry your pleasure in the convention was limited. As for appreciation of the NFTS, the UARC - its officers and certainly I - have always been aware of Sisterhood's unique and extraordinary role in the advance of Reform Judaism. NFTS contributes equally to the College-Institute and the Union, a fact which all of us greatly value.

With good wishes for Hanukah, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# CONGREGATION BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD

100 Academy Road  
Albany, New York 12208

December 9, 1981

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

As President of Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood, Albany, N.Y., I feel impelled to write to you in the wake of this year's UAHG/NFTS Biennial.

The actions and words of you, Dr. Gottschalk, and Rabbi Daniel Freeland were humiliating and degrading to 731 members of NFTS.

Unfortunately, most of us were brought up to be "ladies" at all times, and in all circumstances. I, too, was raised to be ladylike. However, in accordance with Jewish law and tradition, my parents taught me to respect myself as well as others.

I did not go to Boston to be insulted by the President of UAHG, and so did not think it funny when you laughingly said you forgot you were to speak at our opening Plenary Session. Perhaps if we had not given Dr. Gottschalk over \$80,000 last week, you would both remember your commitment to us at the next Biennial.

At a workshop I attended on December 7, Rabbi Freeland jokingly announced that the mistaken instructions given to the ushers on Sunday afternoon were his fault. If he had said "I was in error and I apologize", I would let it go. He did not. He seemed to think it was a very amusing incident. Is this an indication of the values NFTY is trying to transmit to our youth? If so, perhaps I should take my 15 year-old son out of the Youth Group.

I hope you will pay some attention to my concerns. I assure you that my feelings are not those of a minority.

Yours truly,

  
Dorothy S. Kotzin

copies to:

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk  
Miss Eleanor R. Schwartz  
Mrs. Lillian Maltzer  
Mrs. Constance Kreshtool  
Mrs. Lois Braun

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NFB

December 21, 1981

Mrs. Bernard Kreshtool  
711 Coverly Road  
Wilmington, Delaware 19802

Dear Connie:

Mazal Tov on your election as President of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. You will, I am confident, serve with precious and unique dedication and devotion. In turn, I trust that you will derive a full measure of happiness, satisfaction and fulfillment from your new responsibilities.

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Rhea and I join in sending warmest regards to you and Bernard and our best wishes for a happy Chanukah.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

December 15, 1981

*Handwritten signature*

Mrs. Constance Kreshtool  
711 Coverly Road  
Wilmington, Delaware 19802

Dear Connie:

I am pleased to welcome you as an ex-officio member of the UAHC Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee in your capacity as President of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. I know that our movement will be enriched by your participation at this level and I feel certain that you will derive much personal satisfaction as well.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be May 21-23, 1982 in White Plains, New York. Please note the date on your calendar and plan to be with us at that time. More detailed information will be sent to all Board members when plans are finalized.

It is a pleasure to know that you will be a member of our Board once again. We've missed you.

Cordially,

cc: ✓ Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Rabbi Herbert Drooz  
Rabbi Richard Sternberger

Donald S. Day



October 27, 1981

Mrs. Bernard Kreshtool  
711 Coverly Road  
Wilmington, DE 19802

Dear Connie:

It is my great pleasure to invite you to participate in the joint UAHC/NFTS social action forums on Sunday morning, December 6 in connection with our General Assembly.

We ask you to serve as the presiding officer in the session devoted to "The Radical Right."

If you are able to accept this invitation, and I hope you will, we will send you more detailed information.

Cordially,

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
President

NFTS

November 2, 1981

Dear Ellie:

Many thanks for sharing with me your letter to Harold Epstein and for your note to me in regard to the magnificent work of the NFTS in the realm of funding for both the HUC-JIR and the UAHHC. When one sees the figures in toto it is evident that the women of our movement are doing an outstanding job in this sphere of endeavor, even as they do in the realm of program, Jewish education, and all manner of special projects. We are really beholden to NFTS for the strong support they provide.

With appreciation and fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Ms. Eleanor Schwartz  
Executive Director NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

NFTS

November 2, 1981

Mrs. Lillian Maltzer, President  
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Lil:

This letter will undoubtedly await your return from Paris and the WUPJ Conference. I trust you and Joe had a delightful stay in Europe and I look forward to hearing about the sessions of the WUPJ. Unfortunately, the timing of their meetings simply precluded my participation.

As to your letter of October 26 in regard to REFORM JUDAISM and the lack of information on the work of the NFTS. This is a discussion you should have with Al Vorspan and the editor of REFORM JUDAISM, Aron Hirt-Manheimer. I am, therefore, sharing your letter with Al so he is apprised of your concerns and when you call to arrange an appointment he will be in a better position to discuss the matter.

With fondest regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Albert Vorspan  
Eleanor R. Schwartz

NFTS

September 15, 1981

Mrs. Lillian Maltzer  
President of NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Lillian:

All of us of the Union are deeply beholden to the women of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. You are always a source of strength and support, not merely financially but in every way possible.

I write to express gratitude for the YES Fund contribution of \$17,077.05 for the work of our Youth Division. According to your instructions these funds will be earmarked, for the Youth Department College Age Campus Outreach program \$10,000.00, the balance of \$7,077.05 for the Youth Department for NFTY.

With every good wish to you and yours and to all of NFTS for a sweet and happy New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Edith J. Miller

September 15, 1981

Joshua Dwork

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$17,077.05 from NFTS. This represents their Yes Fund allocation. \$10,000.00 is to be earmarked for the Youth Dept. College Age Campus Outreach Program; the balance of \$7,077.05 is to be allocated to the Youth Dept. of NFTY.



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September 14, 1981

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT LILLIAN MALTZER (Mrs. Joseph)

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President  
Mr. Donald S. Day, Chairman of the Board  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex and Don:

At the June meeting of the UAHC Board of Trustees it was my pleasure to give you a check representing a second disbursement of our Youth, Education and Sisterhood (YES) Fund. Today I have a check for \$17,077.05, which represents the third and final YES Fund contribution for this present NFTS fiscal year.

With this check the women of Sisterhood are pleased to have contributed \$62,077.05 to help support the UAHC Youth Department. We are especially pleased that it represents an increase of contributions over last year by several thousands of dollars. The contribution also represents a new factor, namely a designated sum of \$10,000.00 for the Youth Department's newly-developed campus outreach program.

I also want to remind each of you that, as I wrote to you several months ago, the NFTS Executive Committee has increased the base of our budgeted commitments to the UAHC from \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00 per year. Our support for the Youth Department is in two parts - the budgeted commitment and the fair share of the additional contributions received over the budgeted commitment. We hope that next year we are not only able to sustain the overall level of support but to increase it. That is a promise which Sisterhood can keep with the continued devotion of our affiliates and members, in spite of the increasingly dismal economic situation and the resultant pressure upon local Sisterhoods by their own congregations. But we can guarantee the \$50,000.00, which means that the present UAHC budget can be corrected to show a level of expectation higher than anticipated when that budget was adopted last June.

With all good wishes.

Warmly,

President

LM:ljb

NFTS

June 22, 1981

Mrs. Lillian Maltzer  
President, NFTS  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Lillian:

Todah Rabbah! It was gratifying to receive your gracious letter of June 19. All of us of the Union are grateful to NFTS for undertaking to increase the budgeted allocation to the UAHC by \$5,000. per year as of November 1, 1981. These additional funds will help us strengthen the Youth program of the UAHC.

We appreciate the additional allocations received from NFTS over and above the budgeted sums. Please convey heartfelt gratitude to all of NFTS. I also want to express our thanks for the contribution of \$1,000. from NFTS towards the Eisendrath Intern Program. The recommendation that this special contribution become a regular item in the NFTS YES Fund budget is very gratifying.

With appreciation to the women of NFTS for all that they do individually and collectively, and with fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Donald S. Day, Esq.

bcc: Boshua M. Dwork



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT LILLIAN MALTZER (Mrs. Joseph)

June 19, 1981

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President      Mr. Donald Day, Chairman of the Board  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Alex and Don:

The NFTS Executive Committee met in Washington, D.C., following the Consultation on Conscience and the UAHC Board of Trustees meeting. I am writing to share with you some actions taken by the NFTS Executive Committee which will be of immediate importance to you:

1) Effective with the next NFTS fiscal year, which will start November 1, 1981, we have increased the budgeted allocation to the UAHC for youth work to \$50,000 per year. For the past several years, as you know, the budgeted allocation was \$45,000 plus an additional annual allocation which is made from YES Fund contributions received from local Sisterhoods in excess of the budgeted allocation.

We have had several years of experience with increases in contributions to the YES Fund and feel that it is only fair to be able to assure the UAHC of an increased base of contribution. We are certain you will share our pride and pleasure that the UAHC budget may now reflect this increased budgeted allocation.

2) The NFTS Executive Committee allocated contributions received through the YES Fund in excess of the presently budgeted \$45,000 and this additional allocation, the check for which it will be my pleasure to present to you at the fall meetings, is in the amount of \$17,077.05. Of this sum, \$10,000 is earmarked for the UAHC College Campus Outreach Program, and \$7,077.05 to be available for the general operations of NFTY.

Therefore, for the NFTS fiscal year 1980-81, NFTS will have contributed to the UAHC for youth work a total of \$62,077.05. This represents an increase of several thousand dollars over our previous allocations. We hope that each year we will be able to show significant increases for this important project.

All good wishes,

LM:h

Warmly,  
*Lillian*  
President

NFTS

June 17, 1981

Mrs. Joseph Maltzer  
26067 Hendrie Blvd.  
Huntington Woods, MI 48070

Dear Lil:

It was a delight being with you in Washington for the Board of Trustees meeting. I am so pleased that you could be with us, we always miss you when you are not in our midst.

I write to express deepest gratitude to you and the women of NFTS for the second allocation from the YES fund of NFTS towards the budget of the UAHC Youth Department. The \$22,500.00 was given with love and I assure you received with a full measure of appreciation for the efforts of NFTS in behalf of our sacred cause.

With fonest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Miss Eleanor Schwartz



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT LILLIAN MALTZER (Mrs. Joseph)

June 14, 1981

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President

Mr. Donald S. Day  
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Union of American Hebrew  
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838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex and Don:

I am very pleased to transmit the enclosed check for \$22,500.00. This check represents the second allocation for the NFTS fiscal year 11/1/80 - 10/31/81 from the Youth, Education and Sisterhood (YES) Fund towards the budget of the UAHC Youth Department.

This check with the previous check of \$22,500.00 given to you in March, 1981 meets the NFTS budgeted allocation of \$45,000.00 for the work of the Youth Department.

Within a few days the NFTS Executive Committee will meet and among its many business items will be the allocation of YES Fund contributions made by thousands of Sisterhood women over and above our budgeted allocation. I am confident that we will meet the contribution given to the UAHC last year and may even exceed it.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

President

LM:ljb  
enc.

NFTF  
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

May 29, 1981

Eleanor R. Schwartz

I am going to Israel, Ellie, however I will not be there for the entire period of the conference. I will of course be delighted to make the presentation to the three Israeli Rabbinic students who will be ordained, depending upon the timing. If you can determine when the ceremony is to be held and I am in Israel at that time I will of course make the presentation in behalf of the NFTF. I await further word from you as to the schedule.

# MEMORANDUM

Date May 28, 1981

From Eleanor R. Schwartz

To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Israel-CCAR/HUC ordination of Israeli students

If you are not going to Israel, stop right here, but just let me know.

If you are going to Israel, may we ask a favor of you, as well as providing you with a lovely opportunity. Three of the Israeli rabbinic students for whom NFTS provides scholarship assistance on behalf of the World Union will be ordained. We do not know on what day, and whether the Conference will be invited. But I would presume that you would be in attendance under any circumstances.

It is the NFTS custom to give a gift to the overseas rabbinic students when they are ordained. We give them silver tallit clasps with the President making a presentation. Wherever possible it has been done publicly at a World Union or some such meeting. When you were last in Jerusalem it was done at a World Union session because Fred was reluctant to have this "intrude" on the ordination ceremony.. We understand this. But should he change his mind, Lillian would be most honored if you would make the presentation on our behalf.

But if Fred does not want it, we are asking Joe Glaser if there is some appropriate occasion during the Conference when the presentation could be done -- perhaps -- if -- these rabbis are welcomed into the CCAR membership or something. We would still like you to make the presentation. After all, since we will not be in Jerusalem, you are the closest, most important surrogate which the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods will have there.

I'll gladly provide you with all the background of our program and these particular students as well give you a copy of the Uniongram message which will be with each gift. If you do it, would you also take them with you -- they are very small packages.

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March 23, 1981

Ms. Eleanor Schwartz  
UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Ellie:

Many thanks for sharing with me the new kit which resulted from the NFTS rabbinic intern program, *Hunger: At Home And Abroad*. A quick look wants me to delve more deeply into this portfolio and I certainly will do so when I have some free time. It is a beautiful job and I salute you and NFTS for undertaking this important program.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

## MEMORANDUM

Date March 19, 1981From Eleanor SchwartzTo Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_

Subject New NFTS Publication

*acknowledged*  
*admission*  
*Hebrew*

Here's a present for you which I hope you will enjoy very much.

You will be particularly interested, I think, that this is one result of the NFTS rabbinic intern program; Bat Kol was another, the Holiday Study Guides another and although I'm not certain what subject we will zero in on this summer, we have every hope and expectation that our rabbinic intern will produce a document worthy of the "portfolio" which we have been publishing.

/ljb



NFTS

March 17, 1981

Mrs. Joseph Maltzer  
26067 Hendrie Blvd.  
Huntington Woods, Mi. 48070

Dear Lillian:

We have just received the beautiful contribution from the NFTS "Yes" Fund, in the sum of \$22,500.00. We write to convey to you and all of the members of NFTS our profound gratitude for your continued support. This gift to the budget of the UAHC Youth Department strengthens our hands and our hearts and gives us the ability to enrich and enhance the work of our Youth Division.

With deepest gratitude to one and all and with fondest regards, we are

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler  
President

Donald S. Day  
Chairman



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT LILLIAN MALTZER (Mrs. Joseph)

March 16, 1981

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

Mr. Donald Day  
Chairman  
UAHC Board of Trustees  
1500 Liberty Bank Building  
Buffalo, New York 14202

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It is a mutually enjoyable experience when I can present a check in person but I know that cash flow is important for the UAHC and I will still have the opportunity of presenting another check in person the next time we meet.

With warmest regards,

President

LM:ljb  
enc.

Edith J. Miller

March 17, 1981

Josh Dwork

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*This check goes to the budget of the youth  
Division.*

NFB

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Alexander M. Schindler



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT LILLIAN MALTZER (Mrs. Joseph)

January 23, 1981

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

Dear Alex:

Thank you for your warm letter of good wishes upon my reelection to the Board of Governors of the College-Institute. It is indeed an honor to serve the Union as its representative on any occasion, and I hope I can do it well.

It is no secret that some part of my pleasure in the work which I do is derived from the qualities of the people who share in that work. For the most part there is intelligence and a passionate devotion to the tasks, large and small, and because I understand that level of commitment I find companionship in it.

With warmest regards to you and Rhea,

Sincerely,

*Lillian*