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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 Rabbi Alex Chairman of the Board President

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler President 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021-7064 212 249-0100, Fax 212 861-0831

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May 16, 1995

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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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May 23, 1995 23 Iyar 5755

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

Dear Ellen:

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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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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,

May 16, 1995

Ellen Y. Rosenberg **Executive Director**

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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 an 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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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

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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

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February 14, 1994

Melvin Merians

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Chairman

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

Enclosure

cc:

Judith Silverman Diane Portnoff

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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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Jane Evans Eleanor R. Schwartz Rabbi David Saperstein Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism 2027 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Washington, DC 20036

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

Judith O. Rosenkranz

President

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cc:

Rabbi Alexander Schindler /

Rabbi Eric Yoffie Melvin Merians Judith Silverman Diane Portnoff Wendy Allenberg

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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 exhibarating 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, m in which Rhea joins, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander N. Schindler

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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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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

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5-7-93	For: NFTS 1992-93 contribution Support of Youth Work: College Youth NFTY \$15,000.00 67,500.00 \$82,500.00	82,500.00
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May 27, 1993 7 Sivan 5753

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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



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.



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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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NEW YORK, NY 10021



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10-16-92	For: Support of Youth Work for 1991/92	82,500.00
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PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021-7064 (212)249-0100

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

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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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Rabbi Alexander Schindler President

Mel Merians Chairman, Board of Trustees

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

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

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cc: Robert Koppel

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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,

Luis



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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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.

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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,

President

Norma Levitt Honorary President

Dolores Wilkenfeld Past President

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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.



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• PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100

March 7, 1991 21 Adar 5751

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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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITUS Jane Evans 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

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cc: Judith M. Hertz



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

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 partner-ship 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 multifacted areas for which women have a special concern.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

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President

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



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS 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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MEMORANDUM

From	Eleanor Schwartz	Date September 18, 1990
То	Rabbi Alexander Schindler	METP
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.

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838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021

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MEMORANDUM

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 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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RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
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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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Rabbi Alexander Schindler President

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

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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.

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MEMORANDUM

May 26, 1990

From: Edith J. Miller

To: Robert M. Koppel

cc: Rabbi Allan Smith

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JUDITH M. HERTZ

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 23, 1990

Rabbi Alexander Schindler President

Allan B. Goldman Chairman

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

Dear Alex and Allan:

It is with great pleasure that I enclose our NFTS check for \$82,500 as our contribution to the UAHC in support of the youth programs for the fiscal year 1989-90.

All of us are particularly pleased that this is an increase of \$2,500 over our contributions of the past several years. Having a few years of demonstrated experience that we are able to sustain this more generous level of support, the NFTS Board of Directors authorized us to formally increase our budgeted commitment for youth work to \$80,000 annually. Therefore, you can correct the UAHC budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991, to show a level of expectation at \$80,000 per year instead of \$75,000. Of this sum of \$82,500 we wish it to be designated as follows: \$67,500 for NFTY highschool youth and \$15,000 for college activities.

Writing a letter such as this, at this time of the year, has always been one of the most pleasurable aspects of the NFTS presidency. Representing the women of Reform Judaism I have every hope that each year the understanding and generosity of our affiliated Sisterhoods will keep pace with the recognition that our young people must be the most precious segment of our community deserving our maximum support on all levels.

Sincerely,

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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

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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 Madama 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 bacl on the UAHC Board of Trustees for you always have much of worth to contribute to our deliberations.

The New Oreeans 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 poportunities 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 Farm≰ 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

AMERICAN JEWISH A.R.C.H.I.V.E.S

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 Barbaa Dubert

Dear Rabbi Schindler,





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RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER
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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



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 Mrs. Eleanor Schwartz

March 28, 1989 21 Adar II 5749

Thanks for sending up that must 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 Wilkenfeld as well, of course. Be well.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DOLORES WILKENFELD

New York, NY 10021

March 24, 1989

Rabbi Alexander Schindler President

CC: Allan B. Goldman, Chairman UAHC Board of Trustees

Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue

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.
- \$6,000 towards the salary of a Legislative Aide, Religious Action Center, Washington, DC serving as NFTS liaison.

From the NFTS Founders Endowment Fund II.

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.

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,

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President

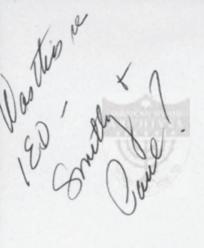
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cc: Albert Vorspan

Rabbi David Saperstein

Rabbi Allan Smith

Robert Koppel (checks attached for fiscal year 1988/89)





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,

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cc: Allan B. Goldman

Eleanor R. Schwartz

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July 26, 1988 12 Av 5748

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

Dear Jack:

ack: AMERICAN JEWISH

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 Mational 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 possibilites 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 CC: Joe Bernste (NETS)
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21 July 1988

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

Dear Alex:

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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,

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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. How, 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 pesident'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 bouse to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



Eleanor R. Schwartz, Executive Director ew



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!



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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Miss Jane Evans

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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!

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler February 22, 1988 Eleanor R. Schwartz Dolores Wilkenfeld Thank you for your memo of February 18 in regard to the MFTS 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.



Eleanor Schwartz Executive Director en

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

Date February 18, 1988

Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Dolores Wilkenfeld cc:

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 agreements.

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Re well 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.

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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 charing these critical resolutions with me.

Fond regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Ms. Ekeanor R. Schwartz NFTS New York, NY

MEMORANDUM

		Date January 4th, 1988
From	Eleanor R. Schwartz Lev	
То _	Rabbi Alexander Schindler	5) Riour
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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 docoments.

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,

Executive Director

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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 occas sions 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



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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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

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cc: Dolores Wilkenfeld

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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 Digision, 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. Schwatzz

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

MEMORANDUM

From

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Date April 16, 1987

To

Fred Cohen

Copies

Rabbis David Saperstein & Allan Smith; Aron Hirt-Manheimer

Subject

NFTS GRANTS

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

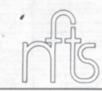
\$75,000. 86-87 contribution for the support

of youth work (College - \$12,500.) (NFTY 62,500.)

NFTS #21164

\$5,000. 86-87 subsidy for Reform Judaism

Please credit these accordingly. Many thanks.



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Lafayette, CA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITUS Jane Evans 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:

- \$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.

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President

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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 Süsterhoods 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 beholded to all of your individually and well as collectively.

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

Alexander M. Schindler



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 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. Wwarm regards. Sincerely, Alexander M. Schindler cc: Mrs. Dolores Wilkenfeld



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October 2, 1986

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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,

Executive Director

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cc: Dolores Wilkenfeld

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

September 25, 1986

Eleanor R. Schwartz

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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.

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





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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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

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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

May 14, 1986 Eleanor Schwartz From Rabbi Alexander Schindler Dolores Wilkenfeld Copy for information of Your Speaking to the NFTS Board Subject_ 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 or 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



838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021

May 5, 1986 26 Nisan 5746 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 lunchean. 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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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITUS Jane Evans 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,

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cc: Dolores Wilkenfeld

Executive Director

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April 25, 1986 16 Nisan 5746

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

Dear Dolores:

AMERICAN IEWISH

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 Fred Cohen

Robert Koppel; Rabbi Allan Smith; Albert Vorspan

CHECKS FROM NFTS

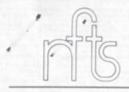
Enclosed herewith are three shecks from NFTS totalling \$82,000. They represent special contributions to the work of the UAHC from NFTS to be credited as follows:

- 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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Dear Alex and Chuck:

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

- 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.
- 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, not withstanding 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,

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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.

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"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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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. technologies are being rediscovered under the acronym GOBI: G for growth monitoring of children, to determine whether they 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 cachements 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-Locking 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 unrenumerated 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 obsured 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.



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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.

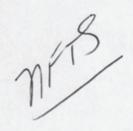
With fondest regards and every good wish, we are

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

cc: Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz



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.

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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CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

June 11, 1985

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler,

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

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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

CK:h Enc. 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.

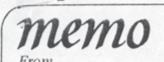
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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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.





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

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 fundraising 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

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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MEMORANDUM

Date April 22, 1985

From	Eleanor R. Schwartz
То	Ruth Harrison/Rabbi David Saperstein
Copy for i	nformation of Al Vorspan/Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Subject	
	Ariel Perelmuter 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. Perelmuter's name is on the mailing list and that she receives all notices about commission activities as well as the Religious Action Center. Thanks.

Ariel is Bernard Perelmuter'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

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From

Ben Dardig

Date 11/13/84

To

All Staff

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.



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November 15, 1984

Mrs. Bernard Kreshtool 711 Coverly Road Wilmington, DE 19802

Dear Connie:

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

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