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

November 14, 1984

Rabbi Alexander Schindler New York, New York

Dear Alex:

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

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

Thank you for being so effective a teacher and leader.

Sincerely,

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"Words from the heart go to the heart" Talmud

This UNIONGRAM represents a contribution to the NFTS Youth, Education and Sisterhood (YES) Fund which serves the National Federation of Temple Youth, rabbinic students through scholarships or grants-in-aid at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.



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Eleanor R. Schwartz

September 10, 1984

NFTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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



MEMORANDUM

September 7, 1984

From	Eleanor R. Schwartz
То	Rabbi Alexander Schindler and Albert Vorspan
Copy for	information of
Subject	Your respective participation in the NFTS Board of Directors meeting

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

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

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

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

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Eleanor Schwartz

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

Thank you.

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# EMORANI

Date August 23, 1984 Eleanor Schwartz Rabbi Alexander Schindler - Albert Vorspan Copy for information of NFTS Board of Directors Meeting Subject.

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

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

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# MEMORANDUM

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July 9, 1984

Date.

From	Eleanor R. S	Schwartz	
То	Rabbi Alexander Schindler		
Copy for	information of	Charles J. Rothschild, Jr., Don Millstone	

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

Your memo of July 5th

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

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

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

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

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



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

Again, thanks for thinking of us.

Gleona R. Schwarz

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(Dictated by but signed in the absence of Miss Schwartz)

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

July 5, 1984

Eleanor Schwartz

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

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

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

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

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August 21, 1984

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

Dear Connie:

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

With thanks and warm regards, we are Sincerely,

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

cc: Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz Mr. Albert Vorspan Edith J. Miller

August 21, 1984

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cc: Aron Hirt-Manheimer

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

A letter of thanks has gone forward to NFTS.





OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

August 20, 1984

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. 10021 Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr. Chairman of the UAHC Board 550 Sunderland Road Teaneck, N.J. 07666

Dear Alex and Chuck:

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

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

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June 21, 1984

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

Dear Connie:

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

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

With thanks and fond regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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June 20, 1984

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

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

Dear Alex and Chuck:

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

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

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

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

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June 20, 1984

Joshua M. Dwork

Enclosed herewith is a check from the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in the amount of \$71,105.25, payable to the UAHC. This represents the annual allocation from NFTS for our Youth Department and \$10,000. of this amount is earmarked for our College Youth Program. The balance of the check is for our youth wark for 1983-84 and covers the NFTS fiscal year November through October.

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May 14, 1984

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

Dear Sheila:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

May 14, 1984

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

Dear Ms. Opat:

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

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

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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May 11, 1984 hall should be about the should b

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President U.A.H.C. 838 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

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

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

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

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

And, as the frosting on our cake the address from

Chuck Rothschild was an added plus.

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

Most sincerely, ami Sear Opat

Ami S. Opat Past President District 4, NFTS

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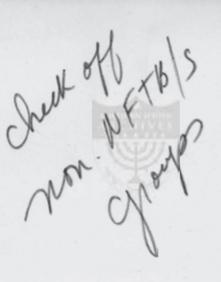
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January 11, 1984 Mrs. Constance Kreshtool President, NFTS 711 Coverly Road Wilmington, DE 19802 Dear Connie: As you know, Chuck Rothschild is in the process of constituting the various Board Committees. As a member of the Board, you received a memo from him a few weeks ago, together with a list of UAHC standing committees, and a request that you indicate your special areas of interest. I do hope that you have responded and you may be certain we will seek to assign you to the committee(s) of your choice. I write now to ask that you give thought to NFTS representation on some of these committees. We are eager to deepen the ties between the UAHC and the NFTS and by having representatives of NFTS on our committees we can enhance our efforts and create proper liaison and communication in many areas of concern. While all of our committees do not require such representation, many do. Therefore, I am enclosing a list of our committees and have placed an check next to those which I believe should have NFTS representation. Please give serious consideration to this request and let me have your suggestions as soon as possible. Chuck and I hope to get together in about two weeks to work out our committee appointments. With appreciation in advance for your efforts and with warmest regards, I am Sincerely, Alexander M. Schindler Encl. cc: Mr. C. J. Rothschild, Jr. Ms. Eleanor Schwartz



#### COMMITTEES OF THE UAHC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>LAW COMMITTEE</u>: To advise and service the UAHC in legal matters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman

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

## MEMORANDUM

From

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

To

Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman

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Date December 22, 1983

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

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# MEMORANDUM

From Eleanor Schwartz

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copy for information of UAHC/NFTS Partnership with Biennial Conventions

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

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

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

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

Many thanks.

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### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS



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EXECUTIVE DERICTOR EMERITUS Jane Evans December 21, 1983

Mr. Rick Guthy
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Pasadena, CA 91105

Dear Mr. Guthy:

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

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

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

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

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December 12, 1983

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

Dear Ms. Schwartz,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Until that time, I wish you my very best!

Rick Guthy

Convention Director

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

Eleanor R. Schwrtz

WED

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

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



# MEMORANDUM

From \_\_\_\_\_\_ December 12, 1983

To \_\_\_\_\_ Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copy for information of \_\_\_\_\_\_ NFTB-JCS Womens Organization

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

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

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

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

Thanks.

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

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### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

#### MEMORANDUM

Meeting on November 12, 1983 in Houston, TX

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

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

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

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

CSK.





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THE TAUGUNG

December 5, 1983

Ms. Constance Kreshtool 711 Coverly Road Wilmington, DE 19802

Dear Connie:

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

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

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

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

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

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the men and women of NFTB by bringing into being a project that has been on the agenda for at least the past ten years.

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

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

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

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

A warm Shalom,

Doris Panoff Chairperson

Women for JCS

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

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December 12, 1983

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

#### Dear Connie:

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

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

With gratitude and with warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Reform Judaism

Edith J. Miller

Joshua M. Dwork

cc: Albert Vorspan

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





OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

December 8, 1983

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

Dear Alex:

AMERICAN IEWISH

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

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

Cordially,

President

CK:bn Enc. Jane Evans



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

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

Thanks much.

NAS

October 7, 1983

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

Dear Sheila:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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

October 3, 1983

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

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

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

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

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

Cordially,

Sheila Kasdan

Program Chairperson

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MA

June 13, 1983

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

Dear Lillian:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

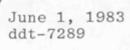
Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mrs. Constance Kreshtool, President - NFTS

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Office of the President

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



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

Dear Ellie:

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

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

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

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Gerard Daniel

GD/ddt

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

N/S

May 9, 1983

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

Dear Connie:

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

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

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

May 6, 1983

Mr. Donald S. Day 56 Devonshire Road Kenmore, N.Y. 14223 Rabbi Alexander Schindler UAHC 838 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Don and Alex:

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

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

Sincerely,

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President

CK:bn

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

Joshua M. Dwork

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



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January 13, 1983

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

Dear Comie:

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

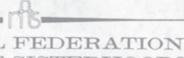
Perhaps someday we will walk together in Safed and not only visit 'my' forest, but the NFTS Garden as well!

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

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

January 13, 1983

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

Dear Alex:

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

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

Sincerely,

President

CK:bn

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November 24, 1982

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

Dear Emita:

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

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

With warmest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Dear Alex:

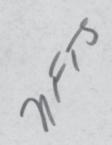
You certainly could tell from the warm reception you received from the NFTS Board what a welcome guest you were. But we want to add these words of appreciation for sharing your time and your insights with our leadership. Not only does the presence of the UAHC President honor us but your own special "presence"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

Thank you for being with us.

Sincerely,

Executive Director CK/ERS:h

President



October 28, 1982

Dear Norma:

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

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

Rhea joins me in sending love to you and David.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler October 7, 1982 Albert Vorspan Theodore K. Broido; Aron-Hirtmanheimer; Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman; Edith J. Miller I noticed that Sisterhood is celebrating its 70th Anniversary and, it is of course, altogether fitting and proper that we should make an institutional note of it. I'm suggesting the following: 1. I will make some reference to this in my Board report. Edie, Please remind me. 2. I think that we should ask Commie Kreshtool to give an extended report at the Board meeting, not the usual greetings but an evaluative report which will acquaint the Board newbers of some of the agonies and ecstasies of Sisterhood in today's congregational world. Twenty minutes at the very least ought to be assigned for that. 3. There should be an article on some of these issues in Reform Judaism. It might be best if Arc himself were to prepare it. He should get together with Ellie to glean whatever wisdom she has to offer. 4. On January 21 is the actual date of the anniversary and, of course it would be nice if congregations throughout the country were to mark this occasion. In the next rabbinic packet, Lenny, I would like to enclose a letter to my colleagues of the rabbinate calling this to their attention and urging them to have a special sisterhood service. I noticed across my desk that a packet of materials has been prepared which could be made available to help congregations celebrate this occasion: Therein is a worship service prepared by Norma Levitt. Thank you very much.

Eleanor R. Schwartz

WS/

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



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Rabbi Schindler



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

Date October 4, 1982

To

UAHC Regional Directors

Subject

For Your Information

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

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

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

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An Advocacy Communication

August 16, 1982

From: Judith Hertz, Critical Issues Chairwoman

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Issues of concern for:

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

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

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

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

August 2, 1982

Get Ready, Get Set, Go!

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

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

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

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

#### HATCH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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

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

#### THE PROPOSALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 2. Contrary to the assertions of some, abortion is not a proper subject for debate and "compromise" by either the Congress or state legislative bodies. Because it involves both the First Amendment right of religious freedom and the right to privacy inherent in the Ninth and Fourteenth Amendments, abortion falls into the realm of individual liberties protected by the Constitution. In our democracy, such individual rights may not be removed by popular whim or political expediency.
- 3. Opinion polls have consistently shown that between 75 and 90 percent of Americans believe that abortion should be a private matter between a woman and her doctor and free from governmental interference. Given such a high degree of popular opposition to government involvement in this area, it is not only unnecessary but irresponsible to invite the Court to revoke constitutional protection of choice and once more sanction such governmental intrusion.
- 4. The pre-1973 situation, in which abortion was legalized in some states while severely restricted in others, allowed wealthy women to exercise freedom of conscience and choice, while those with limited incomes were coerced into carrying problem pregnancies to term or submitted to dangerous, illegal procedures. We cannot support a return to this discriminatory policy.





An Advocacy Communication

FROM: Judith Hertz

Critical Issues Chairwoman

September 1982

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

of Directors

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

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

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

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

#### 1) UPDATE ON EQUAL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES:

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

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

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

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

Some questions to ask:

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

#### 2) NFTS PROGRAMMATIC SUGGESTIONS AND RESOURCES

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

QUESTION: Can prayer utilize language that maintains a sense of God's presence, care, protection, and rule without using specific masculine or fem-

inine images?

QUESTION: Do masculine pronouns and metaphors reinforce a mental picture of God

as male?

QUESTION: Are our thoughts about God unconsciously shaped by the words that we

use when we pray?

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

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

FACT: Two out of three poor adults are women.

FACT: Families with female heads have a poverty rate six times that of maleheaded families.

FACT: One billion people, nearly five times the population of the U.S., are hungry individuals.

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

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

#### PEACE

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### BACKGROUND:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### MAJOR PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Jewish family is the model ...

- .. where our values and religious principles are formulated;
- ..where our responsibilities for ourselves, our family, and our community are defined and translated into actions;
- .. where our self-identity and self-confidence are reinforced;
- .. where joyous occasions are shared and support is given in times of sadness and trouble.

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

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

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

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

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

#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

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

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

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

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THE RELIGIOUS NETWORK FOR EQUALITY FOR WOMEN

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

## **RCERA** Embraces Future

Adopts new name and broader purpose

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

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

preferred future.

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

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

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

We recognize our deeply held values re-

(Future: see back page)

# Women Vote:

A RNEW Citizen Action Kit (to order use attached coupon)

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

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

dividually and in groups.

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

WOMEN VOTE - A Citizen Action Kit contains

the following:

Reflecting: -Reflections on the biblical and theological basis for citizen action.

 -Motivational meditation on the need for involvement in justice for women.

N etworking: -How to network with individuals and groups to gain the strength of numbers.

-How to organize a concerted effort around issues.

(Women Vate: see back page)

## ISSUES OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO WOMEN

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

### PROGRAM

#### FISCAL YEAR 1983 REAGAN BUDGET PROPOSALS AND IMPACT ON WOMEN

#### Nutrition

WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Food
Program: all of the 2 million recipients
are women and children identified as
"nutritional risks"

Food Stamps: 85% of the 22 million recipients are women and children

School Lunch Program: 48% of families served are headed by women

#### Medical Care

Family Planning: 99% of 4.5 million users are women

Medicaid: 61% of recipients are women

Medicare: 60% of enrollees are women

### Employment

CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act): women are more than 60% of those eligible

### Education

Title 1--Compensatory Education for the disadvantaged: 60% of families served are headed by women

## Energy

Low-Income Energy Assistance: 85% of 8.5 million household served are elderly or headed by women

## Income Supports

AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children): 93% of 4 million served are women and children

ssi (Supolemental Security Income): women make up most of 4.2 million aged, blind, or disabled recipients

### <u>Legal Services</u>

Legal Services Corporation: 67% of clients are poor women

Terminate as separate program and include in block grant, giving states broad program discretion; cut money earmarked for WIC by \$300 million, eliminating 700,000 participants unless states choose to fund from own resources

Cut by \$2.3 billion (on top of FY'82 cut of \$2.4 billion); 16% of food-stamp households will lose all benefits; 70% will lose some benefits

Freeze funds at FY'82 level (a 35% cut from FY'81) and withdraw "entitlement" status (allowing further administrative cuts); some 9.5 million children will be dropped from the program

Freeze funds at FY'82 level (a 25% cut from FY'81); reduce federal matching funds by half; include program in block grant to states with new regulations for parental notification for birth control prescribed for minors

Cut by \$2.1 billion and reduce federal funds for optional services (glasses, prenatal care, physical therapy, dental care)

Cut by \$2.5 billion and increase share of expenses (currently more than 50%) borne by enrollees

Eliminate program at end of FY'82 and institute a much reduced state-controlled substitute

Cut service levels by 50%, eliminating 2.5 million children from program

Cut by 31% and require reductions based on food-stamp allowance forcing many to choose between food and heat; 2.3 million households will be dropped from program

Cut by \$2 billion (federal, state, and local funds); tighten eligibility; require "workfare"; at least 600,000 families will lose AFDC (and Medicaid eligibility) or receive reduced benefits; more than 150,000 families will no longer qualify for federally aided child care

Cut by \$286 million; tighten eligibility; 2.6 million, or 65% of recipients, will have benefits eliminated or reduced

Eliminate program (or restrict kings of litigation allowed); if eliminated, well over a million poor people will lose access to judicial system

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

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

# DEMOCRACY: A Political Process on the People

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

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

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

political system.

Often we fail to understand that silence is understood as consent. When we fail to express our dissent we passively tolerate what we really do not support. We need to network with others and say "no." There are many different non-violent ways of letting government know that we do not support their measures.

2nd. Corporations, financial institutions and wealthy individuals work adamantly to establish their own candidates in positions of power. We can exercise power also: we can support, work and contribute to viable incumbents or we can urge justice persons to run for political office.

3rd. Most states and cities have laws that allow for initiative and referendum. We can use such means to propose and pass the legislation necessary to undo the present oppressive structure.

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

for Groundwork, Summer 1982.)

( Women Vote: from front page)

E nergizing: -The why and value of women voting.

-Getting personally involved: how to do it!

Working for Change:

-Guidelines for permissible election activities for tax-exempt groups.

-How to work with the News Media.

-The ins and outs of publicity campaigns.

-How to assess where candidates stand in regard to issues affecting women.

-How to pose questions to candi-

dates.

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

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

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



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THE RELIGIOUS NETWORK FOR EQUALITY FOR WOMEN

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# THANK YOU!

Dear RCERA supporter and advocate for women's right's:

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

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

the religious community.

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

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

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

# **ERA** Reintroduced in Congress

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

Most ERA supporters and organizations have turned their primary energy this fall to the November elections. The ERA appears to fall

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short of the necessary two-thirds majority needed in both Senate and House for passage. Women see that the only way to change that margin is through the ballot box.

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

ally at present.

Check the list below for your congressional representatives. If they are not listed, write or call them immediately to ask them why, ask for their support on record. (list as of July 15, 1982)

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FROM:

Theodore K. Broido



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

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



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# MEMORANDUM

From	Eleanor R. Schwartz Jes	Date_september 5, 1702
То	Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler	
Copy for	information ofConstance Kreshtool	
Subject	NFTS representation on HAHC committees	and commissions

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

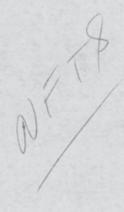
Dolores Wilkenfeld, NFTS 1st Vice President, has had considerable experience with public relations, actually involved in considerable number of radio and television shows in Houston. We believe that Dolores will bring to the work of this Committee valuable insights. We also believe that Dolores would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

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

Many thanks.



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August 24, 1982

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

Dear Ms. Mange:

AMERICAN IEWISH

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

It would have been a delight to join you.

With every good wish for a successful meeting, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

beah. proft. TEMPLE ISRAEL 10675 LADUE ROAD . ST. LOUIS, MO. 63141 Dear Rabbi Schindler, The Beform Jewish Sesterhoods og St. Lauis are halding their annual Co-op Day on Monday. march 21, 1983. Jemple Drael, Brui El, United Hebrew and Shaare Emeth Sesterhoods invite you to be our Keynote Speaker for our Co-op which well be held at Emple Israel. We would be so honored to welcome a luminary such as you to our community. I I hope you will be able to address our meeting. CEA! Dear his hiarge -Sincerely, li prir lugogement hunde long ago well wisher it importue for me to be Barbara Mange at you Sistellood my. I hunde note this. It would have program Chairman been a delight to grin you. Ondal greeting

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June 29, 1982

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

Dear Connie:

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

With heartfelt thanks and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Donald S. Day, Esq.



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL

June 29, 1982

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

Dear Alex:

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

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

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

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With my best wishes,

President

CK:h

cc: Donald Day, Chairman

NFTS is the women's agency for Reform Judaism, an affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the World Union for Progressive Judaism, works on behalf of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and is the founder of the Jewish Braille Institute of America, Inc.

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

Thank you.

AND

May 19, 1982

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

Dear Connie:

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

Please convey our deepest appreciation to the women of NFTS.

With thanks and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely.

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Ms. Eleanor R. Schwartz



Edith J. Miller

Joshua M. Dwork

May 18, 1982

CHECK FROM NFTS

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





OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT CONSTANCE'S, KRESHTOOL

May 18, 1982

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

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

Dear Don and Alex:

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

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

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

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

President

CK:h

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

## UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

May 5, 1982

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

Dear Alex:

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

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

Cordially

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DSD:FS Enc. Donald S. Day

c/c: Mr. Theodore K. Broido

Mr. Joshua Dwork

Mr. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.



#### MEMORANDUM

May 5, 1982

RE: UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS NFTB

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With and south

April 19, 1982

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

Dear Friends:

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

With every good wish and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Room in the amount of \$50.00 from the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, San Pedro, California. Please credit this to the Outreach program.

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March 11, 1982

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

Dear Ms. Kalmar:

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

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

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# MEMORANDUM

From Eleanor R. Schwartz

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copy for information of Subject New Staff Appointment

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

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

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

#### Roberta Kalmar

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

#### MOST RECENT POSITION:

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

--- Supervising job development

—— Administrative management of the program —— Development of policies and procedures

#### PAST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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

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

1977-1979 Committee on the Handicapped, New York City Board of Education Coordinator of the social services; management of Special Project and supervision of clinical and clerical staffs.

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

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

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

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

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

Evaluation of social services. Social work consultant.

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

Casework and group work with children and families.

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Roberta Kalmar -- Page 2--

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

#### EDUCATION:

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

# PUBLICATIONS:

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- 1977 Child Abuse: Perspectives on Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention. (Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt)
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- 1976 "Comparative Perspective on Abortion Policy in the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union". International Social Work, Vol. XIX No. 2.

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January 14, 1982

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

Dear Mrs. Gilbert:

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

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

If I may make a suggestion, your Biennial might be a lovely time to introduce the new regional director of the UAHC's Southeast Council to the women of District 13. Rabbi Lewis Littman will begin his directorship on July 1 and while he will be meeting people throughout the region over the summer, you might want to consider inviting him on a formal basis to attend the District 13 Biennial. He's a wonderful young man, a fine rabbi and I believe he will make a wonderful impact on the region.

With repeated regrets that I cannot be with you in October and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Ms. Eleanor Schwartz

bcc: Bob Benjamin -- Thanks for your good suggestion and your counsel.

Sorry to hear your back is out - oy! - feel
better!

### SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS DISTRICT No. 13

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

On October 15, 16, and 17, the Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, District 13 NFTS, will hold its first District Biennial. "First" because prior to this we have held our Biennials jointly with the UAHC/SEC. Due to many problems encountered in both Mobile - 1980 and Clearwater - 1978, our District voted to go on its own in 1982.

Without going into details, I must confide that this is a crucial conference for SEFTS. In order to regain the confidence and interest, and to encourage the maximum participation of the 53 Sisterhoods with over 8000 members in our District (and all Congregation members), we must offer an outstanding program.

It is with this in mind that we extend to you this invitation to attend our Biennial, planned for Tampa, Florida, October 15 to 17, 1982. We can and will be flexible in our program to accommodate your schedule.

We look forward to your response and sincerely hope we can look forward to your attendance.

Very sincerely,

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cc: Eleanor Schwartz, Executive Director, NFTS

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

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December 23, 1981

Mrs. Dorothy S. Kotzin Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood 100 Academy Road Albany, N.Y. 12208

Dear Mrs. Kotzin:

Thank you for your letter, even if it was a disturbing note among many, many hundreds of others of great approval received about the Biennial.

I expressed to the NFTS convention both great respect and admiration for their contributions to the Reform movement as well as regret over having missed, under trying circumstances which I did not stress, my original appointment. Would you have preferred me to be less honoesr in explaining the situation? Our sages, as you know, call for the integrity of frankly admitting error rather than glossing over it and then seeking forgiveness.

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Once again, I am sorry your pleasure in the convention was limited. As for appreciation of the NFTS, the URHC - its officers and certainly I - have always been aware of Sisterhood's unique and extraordinary role in the advance of Reform Judaism. NFTS contributes equally to the College-Institute and the Union, a fact which all of us greatly value.

With good wishes for Hanukah, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

### CONGREGATION BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD

100 Academy Road Albany, New York 12208

December 9, 1981

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

As President of Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood, Albany, N.Y., I feel impelled to write to you in the wake of this year's UAHC/NFTS Biennial.

The actions and words of you, Dr. Gottschalk, and Rabbi Daniel Freelander were humiliating and degrading

to 731 members of NFTS.

Unfortunately, most of us were brought up to be "ladies" at all times, and in all circumstances. I, too, was raised to be ladylike. However, in accordance with Jewish law and tradition, my parents taught me to respect myself as well as others.

I did not go to Boston to be insulted by the President of UAHC, and so did not think it funny when you laughingly said you forgot you were to speak at our opening Plenary Session. Perhaps if we had not given Dr. Gottschalk over \$80,000 last week, you would both remember your committ-

ment to us at the next Biennial.
At a workshop I attended on December 7, Rabbi Freelander jokingly announced that the mistaken instructions given to the ushers on Sunday afternoon were his fault. If he had said "I was in error and I apologize", I would let it go. He did not. He seemed to think it was a very amusing incident. Is this an indication of the values NFTY is trying to transmit to our youth? If so, perhaps I should take my 15 year-old son out of the Youth Group.

I hope you will pay some attention to my concerns. I assure you that my feelings are not those of a minority.

Yours truly,

Dorothy S. Kotzin

copies to:

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk

Miss Eleanor R. Schwartz

Mrs. Lillian Maltzer

Mrs. Constance Kreshtool

Mrs. Lois Braun



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Alexander M. Schindler



December 21, 1981

Mrs. Bernard Kreshtool 711 Coverly Road Wilmington, Delaware 19802

Dear Connie:

Mazal Tov on your election as President of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. You will, I am confident, serve with precious and unique dedication and devotion. In turn, I trust that you will derive a full measure of happiness, satisfaction and fulfillment from your new responsibilities.

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Alexander M. Schindler

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## UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

December 15, 1981

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Mrs. Constance Kreshtool 711 Coverly Road Wilmington, Delaware 19802

Dear Connie:

I am pleased to welcome you as an ex-officio member of the UAHC Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee in your capacity as President of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. I know that our movement will be enriched by your participation at this level and I feel certain that you will derive much personal satisfaction as well.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be May 21-23, 1982 in White Plains, New York. Please note the date on your calendar and plan to be with us at that time. More detailed information will be sent to all Board members when plans are finalized.

It is a pleasure to know that you will be a member of our Board once again. We've missed you.

Cordially,

cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Rabbi Herbert Drooz Rabbi Richard Sternberger Donald S. Day



October 27, 1981

Mrs. Bernard Kreshtool 711 Coverly Road Wilmington, DE 19802

Dear Connie:

It is my great pleasure to invite you to participate in the joint UAHC/NFTS social action forums on Sunday morning, December 6 in connection with our General Assembly.

We ask you to serve as the presiding officer in the session devoted to "The Radical Right."

If you are able to accept this invitation, and I hope you will, we will send you more detailed information.

Cordially,

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler President NS

November 2, 1981

Dear Ellie:

Many thanks for sharing with me your letter to Harold Epstein and for your note to me in regard to the magnificent work of the NFTS in the realm of funding for both the HUC-JIR and the UAHC. When one sees the figures in toto it is evident that the women of our movement are doing an outstanding job in this sphere of endeavor, even as they do in the realm of program, Jewish education, and all manner of special projects. We are really beholden to NFTS for the strong support they provide.

With appreciation and fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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



November 2, 1981

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

Dear Lil:

This letter will undoubtedly await your return from Paris and the WUPJ Conference. I trust you and Joe had a delightful stay in Europe and I look forward to hearing about the sessions of the WUPJ. Unfortunately, the timing of their meetings simply precluded my participation.

As to your letter of October 26 in regard to REFORM JUDAISH and the lack of information on the work of the NFTS. This is a discussion you should have with Al Vorspan and the editor of REFORM JUDAISM, Aron Hirt-Manheimer. I am, therefore, sharing your letter with Al so he is apprised of your concerns and when you call to arrange an appointment he will be in a better position to discuss the matter.

With fondest regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Albert Vorspan Eleanor R. Schwartz NA

September 15, 1981

Mrs. Lillian Maltzer President of NFTS 838 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10021

Dear Lillian:

All of us of the Union are deeply beholden to the women of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. You are always a source of strength and support, no merely financially but in every way possible.

I write to express gratitude for the YES Fund contribution of \$17,077.05 for the work of our Youth Division. According to your instructions these these funds will be earmarked, for the Youth Department College Age Campus Outreach program \$10,000.00, the balance of \$7,077.05 for the Youth Department for NFTY.

With every good wish to you and yours and to all of NFTS for a wweet and happy New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$17,077.05 from NFTS. This represents their Yes Fund allocation. \$10,000.00 is to be earmarked for the Youth Dept. College Age Campus Outreach Program; the balance of \$7,077.05 is to be allocated to the Youth Dept. of NFTY.





September 14, 1981

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT LILLIAN MALTZER (Mrs. Joseph)

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President Mr. Donald S. Day, Chairman of the Board Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex and Don:

At the June meeting of the UAHC Board of Trustees it was my pleasure to give you a check representing a second disbursement of our Youth, Education and Sisterhood (YES) Fund. Today I have a check for \$17,077.05, which represents the third and final YES Fund contribution for this present NFTS fiscal year.

With this check the women of Sisterhood are pleased to have contributed \$62,077.05 to help support the UAHC Youth Department. We are especially pleased that it represents an increase of contributions over last year by several thousands of dollars. The contribution also represents a new factor, namely a designated sum of \$10,000.00 for the Youth Department's newly-developed campus outreach program.

I also want to remind each of you that, as I wrote to you several months ago, the NFTS Executive Committee has increased the base of our budgeted commitments to the UAHC from \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00 per year. Our support for the Youth Department is in two parts - the budgeted commitment and the fair share of the additional contributions received over the budgeted commitment. We hope that next year we are not only able to sustain the overall level of support but to increase it. That is a promise which Sisterhood can keep with the continued devotion of our affiliates and members, in spite of the increasingly dismal economic situation and the resultant pressure upon local Sisterhoods by their own congregations. But we can guarantee the \$50,000.00, which means that the present UAHC budget can be corrected to show a level of expectation higher than anticipated when that budget was adopted last June.

With all good wishes.

Warmly,

President

Killian Maltzer

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June 22, 1981

Mrs. Lillian Maltzer President, NFTS 838 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10021

Dear Lillian:

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Todah Rabbah! It was gratifying to receive your gracious letter of June 19. All of us of the Union are grateful to NFTS for undertaking to increase the budgeted allocation to the UAHC by \$5,000. per year as of November 1, 1981. These additional funds will help us strengthen the Youth program of the UAHC.

We appreciate the additional allocations received from NFTS over and above the budgeted sums. Please convey heartfelt gratitude to all of NFTS. I also want to express our thanks for the contribution of \$1,000. from NFTS towards the Eisendrath Intern Program. The recommendation that this special contribution become a regular item in the NFTS YES Fund budget is very gratifying.

With appreciation to the women of NFTS for all that they do individually and collectively, and with fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Donald S. Day, Esq.

bcc: Boshua M. Dwork

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT LILLIAN MALTZER (Mrs. Joseph)

June 19, 1981

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President Mr. Donald Day, Chairman of the Board Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Alex and Don:

The NFTS Executive Committee met in Washington, D.C., following the Consultation on Conscience and the UAHC Board of Trustees meeting. I am writing to share with you some actions taken by the NFTS Executive Committee which will be of immediate importance to you:

1) Effective with the next NFTS fiscal year, which will start November 1, 1981, we have increased the budgeted allocation to the UAHC for youth work to \$50,000 per year. For the past several years, as you know, the budgeted allocation was \$45,000 plus an additional annual allocation which is made from YES Fund contributions received from local Sisterhoods in excess of the budgeted allocation.

We have had several years of experience with increases in contributions to the YES Fund and feel that it is only fair to be able to assure the UAHC of an increased base of contribution. We are certain you will share our pride and pleasure that the UAHC budget may now reflect this increased budgeted allocation.

2) The NFTS Executive Committee allocated contributions received through the YES Fund in excess of the presently budgeted \$45,000 and this additional allocation, the check for which it will be my pleasure to present to you at the fall meetings, is in the amount of \$17,077.05. Of this sum, \$10,000 is earmarked for the UAHC College Campus Outreach Program, and \$7,077.05 to be available for the general operations of NFTY.

Therefore, for the NFTS fiscal year 1980-81, NFTS will have contributed to the UAHC for youth work a total of \$62,077.05. This represents an increase of several thousand dollars over our previous allocations. We hope that each year we will be able to show significant increases for this important project.

All good wishes,

President

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June 17, 1981

Mrs. Joseph Maltzer 26067 Hendrie Blvd. Huntington Woods, MI

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Dear Lil:

It was a delight being with you in Washington for the Board of Trustees meeting. I am so pleased that you could be with us, we always miss you when you are not in our midst.

I write to express deepest gratitude to you and the women of NFTS for the second allocation from the YES fund of NFTS towards the budget of the UAHC Youth Department. The \$22,500.00 was given with love and I assure you received with a full measure of appreciation for the efforts of NFTS in behalf of our sacred cause.

With fonest regards from house to house, I am Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Miss Eleanor Schwartz



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT LILLIAN MALTZER (Mrs. Joseph)

June 14, 1981

Rabbi Alexander S. Schindler President Mr. Donald S. Day Chairman, Board of Trustees

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

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This check with the previous check of \$22,500.00 given to you in March, 1981 meets the NFTS budgeted allocation of \$45,000.00 for the work of the Youth Department.

Within a few days the NFTS Executive Committee will meet and among its many business items will be the allocation of YES Fund contributions made by thousands of Sisterhood women over and above our budgeted allocation. I am confident that we will meet the contribution given to the UAHC last year and may even exceed it.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Killian Maltzer

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Eleanor R. Schwartz

I am going to Israel, Ellie, however I will not be there for the entire period of the conference. I will of course be delighted to make the presentation to the three Israeli Rabbinic students who will be ordained, depending upon the timing. If you can determine when the ceremony is to be held and I am in Israel at that time I will of course make the presentation in behalf of the NFTF. I await further word from you as to the schedule.



### MEMORANDUM

	May 28, 1981
From Eleanor R. Schwartz	
To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler	
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If you are not going to Israel, stop right here, but just let me know.

If you are going to Israel, may we ask a favor of you, as well as providing you with a lovely opportunity. Three of the Israeli rabbinic students for whom NFTS provides scholarship assistance on behalf of the World Union will be ordained. We do not know on what day, and whether the Conference will be invited. But I would presume that you would be in attendance under any circumstances.

It is the NFTS custom to give a gift to the overseas rabbinic students when they are ordained. We give them silver tallit clasps with the President making a presentation. Wherever possible it has been done publicly at a World Union or some such meeting. When you were last in Jerusalem it was done at a World Union session because Fred was reluctant to have this "intrude" on the ordination ceremony. We understand this. But should he change his mind, Lillian would be most honored if you would make the presentation on our behalf.

But if Fred does not want it, we are asking Joe Glaser if there is some appropriate occasion during the Conference when the presentation could be done — perhaps — if — these rabbis are welcomed into the CCAR membership or something. We would still like you to make the presentation. After all, since we will not be in Jerusalem, you are the closest, most important surrogate which the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods will have there.

I'll gladly provide you with all the background of our program and these particular students as well give you a copy of the Uniongram message which will be with each gift. If you do it, would you also take them with you — they are very small packages.

I hope that you will be there, that you will do it, and enjoy a lovely time.

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From Eleanor R. Schwartz	
To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler	
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March 23, 1981

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

Dear Ellie:

#### AMERICAN IEWISH

Many thanks for sharing with me the new kit which resulted from the NFTS rabbinic intern program, Hunger: At Home And Abroad. A quick look wants me to delve more deepby into this portfolio and I certainly will do so when I have some free time. It is a beautiful job and I salute you and NFTS for undertaking this important program.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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		DateMarch 19, 1981
From	Eleanor Schwartz	
То	Rabbi Alexander Schindler	lest
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Here's a present for you which I hope you will enjoy very much.

You will be particularly interested, I think, that this is one result of the NFTS rabbinic intern program; Bat Kol was another, the Holiday Study Guides another and although I'm not certain what subject we will zero in on this summer, we have every hope and expectation that our rabbinic intern will produce a document worthy of the "portfolio" which we have been publishing.



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

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March 17, 1981

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With deepest gratitude to one and all and with findest regards, we are

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler President

> Donald S. Day Chairman

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT LILLIAN MALTZER (Mrs. Joseph)

March 16, 1981

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

Mr. Donald Day Chairman UAHC Board of Trustees 1500 Liberty Bank Building Buffalo, New York 14202

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With warmest regards,

President

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AMERICAN JEWISH A R C H I V E S



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PYCE OF THE PRESIDENT LILLIAN MALTZER (Mrs. Joseph)

January 23, 1981

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

Dear Alex:

Thank you for your warm letter of good wishes upon my reelection to the Board of Governors of the College-Institute. It is indeed an honor to serve the Union as its representative on any occasion, and I hope I can do it well.

It is no secret that some part of my pleasure in the work which I do is derived from the qualities of the people who share in that work. For the most part there is intelligence and a passionate devotion to the tasks, large and small, and because I understand that level of commitment I find companionship in it.

With warmest regards to you and Rhea,

Sincerely,