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R E P L Y

TO

*also, Al*

DATE

DATE

*from Steve - re Abie Trahan*  
*Abie's committee includes Rekanoti - Bank Discount*

*Israel Govt is behind Abie.*

*call Avi Primor - head of African Desk*  
*Home 02-631145*  
*office 02-535551*  
*Israel Foreign Ministry*

BY

*Steve*  
SIGNED

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INSTRUCTIONS TO SENDER:

1. KEEP YELLOW COPY. 2. SEND WHITE AND PINK COPIES WITH CARBON INTACT.

INSTRUCTIONS TO RECEIVER:

1. WRITE REPLY. 2. DETACH STUB, KEEP PINK COPY, RETURN WHITE COPY TO SENDER.



# MEMORANDUM

From Edith J. Miller  
To Fred Cohen  
Copies Glenn Stein; Ruth Harrison  
Subject ETHIOPIAN RELIEF

Date May 21, 1985

We have to get some funds over to Abie Nathan. I have been asked to arrange to have \$19,000 sent, via telex, to the following:

*Wired  
5/22/85*  
A/c 241768 (This is a \$1. account)  
The Shalom Peace Foundation, Inc.  
Discount Bank —  
Yehuda Ha-Maccabi Street Branch  
Tel-Aviv

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*EJM*

Fred, Please let me know when this matter has been concluded...and the same for the last memo I sent requesting funds be sent to Israel....I would like my file to be complete....



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

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To Fred Cohen  
Copies Albert Vorspan  
Subject ETHIOPIAN RELIEF

Date May 1, 1985

*Make transfer  
May 1/85*

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EDIE -

THIS IS A COPY OF THE FUNDS WE  
RECEIVED FROM THE TEXAS PEOPLE.

MAY 13, 1985

I SENT THE ORIGINALS TO RUTH.

Dear Mr. Stein,

*Edie*

Here is a check for \$18,000 towards the  
\$25,000 that we promised to you. We will  
be sending the remaining \$7,000 by the end  
of this month.

Sincerely,

*Gail Cantor*

PEOPLE FEEDING PEOPLE, INC.

1410 WEST 6TH ST. 499-8850  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78703

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS 18,000.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>xx</sub>

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	UAHC			

*Gail E. Cantor*

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# Memo

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# Memo

FROM \_\_\_\_\_

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*Abie*

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*#241768 -*

*The Shalom Peace  
Foundation Inc.*

*Discount Bank*

*Yehot - Ha Maccabi*

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## ERA® FIRST AMERICAN PROPERTIES

*For*  
*Return My*

May 3, 1985

Mr. Jim Melton  
ERA, First American Properties  
13694 Research Blvd  
Austin, Texas 78750

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

Dear Rabbi Shindler:

I have known Joe Topa for several years, both as a friend and as a colleague in the real estate industry in Austin.

Joe has been fundraising on behalf of hungry people in his spare time since I have known him. I can assure you that his efforts are honest and sincere, and that he can be trusted to use his relationship with your organization responsibly and in a way which benefits the people in Africa who he is working to help through People Feeding People.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (512) 258-2700.

Sincerely ,

Jim Melton  
Broker, ERA  
First American Properties

JM/js

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# MEMORANDUM

From Glenn S. Stein  
To Fred Cohen  
Copies Edie Miller  
Subject Abie Nathan

Date 5/8/85

This is just a reminder that we need copies of the bank receipts for the funds we have sent to Abie. The State Department has required that we show proof of the expenditure of these funds before they allocate their funds as well.

Your help in gathering this information together is appreciated.



**Religious Action Center**

2027 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036, 202/387-2800

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April 29, 1985

Daniel Matthews  
People Feeding People  
P.O. Box 50278  
Austin, Texas 78763

Glen Stein  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
207 Massachusetts Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Stein,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the balance of the funds for the relief camp Mr. Nathan is currently preparing to construct in Ethiopia. We know that this money is needed immediately to allow the construction of the camp to move forward.

The individuals and projects we have been supporting over the last month have generated more than \$25,000. However, at this moment some of that money is tied up in a donated Corvette, some has been raised but not yet received, and only several thousand dollars is currently in our bank account. Money will come in over the next several weeks from completed projects and from projects still in progress. More projects are just now getting off the ground.

In order to allow our fundraising efforts to have an impact now, when the need is the greatest:

1) We request that UAHC, on behalf of People Feeding People, immediately contribute \$25,000 to Mr. Nathan to fund the balance of the relief camp he is currently preparing to build.

2) We promise to send a total of \$25,000 to UAHC no later than May 31st, 1985, as repayment of this \$25,000 contributed on our behalf. UAHC will receive incremental payments during May, 1985, toward the payback of this \$25,000.

3) We request that some of the tents in the camp Mr. Nathan is about to construct be stenciled with the phrase "From Austin, Texas -- With Love," that photographs be taken of the stenciling of the tents, the construction of the camp, etc., and that these photographs be sent to People Feeding People on an ASAP basis. Photographs representing this accomplishment could be a major contribution to our fundraising efforts.



UAHC could support our fundraising work in another way, as well: by establishing a formal fundraising relationship with us. We have already approached Rabbi Shindler and Al Vorspan with the proposal that UAHC allow us raise funds, earmarked for Mr. Nathan's work, on your behalf. (See enclosed letter.) We would receive a ten percent fundraising fee for such contributions. This arrangement would allow us to reach certain major and corporate contributors not currently willing to contribute to us because we have not yet received our IRS tax-exemption letter.

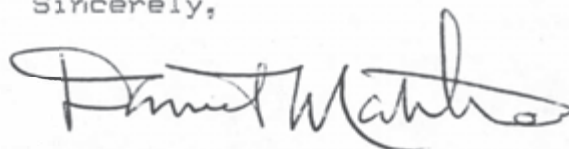
Al Vorspan indicated an openness on the part of UAHC to enter into such an arrangement with us, but requested letters testifying to our character and integrity, especially from leaders in the religious community. We have not worked with the religious community to any significant degree. However, UAHC should have received or will shortly receive letters from the following business and community leaders:

- 1) Dr. Matthew Vail -- Austin M.D. and owner of the MediCenters, a series of minor emergency and family care clinics located in Austin, Texas
- 2) Will Barber -- Senior Partner in the legal firm of Brown, Maroney, Rose, Barber and Dye, one of the largest and most prestigious legal firms in the state of Texas
- 3) Richard Goodman -- Three-term member of the Austin City Council, and co-owner of a television station in Waco/Temple, Texas
- 4) Ben Cartwright -- President of River City Machinery Co., a well established multi-million dollar enterprise specializing in sale and leasing of heavy equipment
- 5) Jim Melton -- Prominent Real Estate Broker and Builder in Austin and Cedar Park, Texas
- 6) Dean Kilgore -- Partner in the legal firm of McGinnis, Lockridge and Kilgore, another of Austin's largest and most highly regarded legal firms

If you can expedite the establishment of this arrangement between UAHC and People Feeding People, we would very much appreciate it, and we promise you that this arrangement will have an immediate positive impact on our results.

Thank you for your partnership, and for the work that you do.

Sincerely,



Daniel Matthews



March 14th, 1985

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
838 5th Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

As you know, we're raising money in Texas for Abie Nathan's camps. Abie called me early Saturday morning, March 9th, to find out how we're doing and to ask if we need anything. As I told him then, we have a significant problem which UAHC can help us solve. Abie said that my proposed solution is a good idea, and that he would talk to you about it; I am following up with this written request.

People Feeding People was incorporated as a Texas non-profit corporation in February of this year. Joe Topa, Gail Cantor and I formed it to provide a legal structure for our own personal commitment to raise emergency famine relief money on a near fulltime basis throughout 1985. We have applied for IRS tax-exempt status, and have no doubt that we will be granted tax-exemption. However, we are told that the decision making process at IRS takes 6 to 8 months.

Not already having tax-exempt status has been a strong impediment to our ability to raise money for Abie's camps, especially from corporations and major contributors. We are anxious to move ahead in raising money for Mr. Nathan.

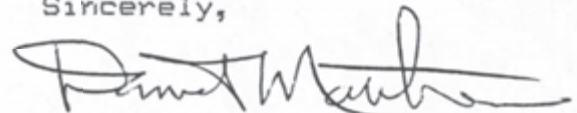
In order to do this more effectively, we request to set up a fundraising relationship with UAHC until we receive our tax-exemption letter from IRS. We would have large contributors make their checks payable to UAHC.

UAHC would return a small percentage of the money to us as a fundraising or consulting fee. Right now, we propose a fee of 10 percent of the money we raise to cover our expenses and promotional costs. We intend to reduce that percentage as the year goes on and our initial start-up and promotional costs get covered. We would like to receive fee payments on some regular, agreed upon basis, for example, for each \$25,000 raised and deposited with UAHC.

Given the urgency of the situation in Ethiopia, I would appreciate your prompt attention to our request. Once we establish an agreement with UAHC along these lines, the single biggest obstacle to our fundraising efforts will be gone. I trust that out of our mutual commitment to this work, we can figure out a creative solution to this breakdown. Thank you very much for your time and effort in this matter.

Please contact me at (512) 499-8850 or write me at People Feeding People, 1410 West 6th Street, Austin, TX 78703. Thank you again.

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

June 27, 1989  
24 Sivan 5749

Mr. Jonathan Giesberg  
North American Conference  
on Ethiopian Jewry  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Giesberg:

Your letter of June 22nd reached our office during Rabbi Schindler's absence. He is attending meetings in Israel and London and is not due back at his desk until mid-July.

As you know, Rabbi Schindler and the UAHC are deeply concerned for the welfare of Ethiopian Jews, most especially those who remain in Ethiopia. Indeed, a great deal of activity in their behalf stems from our Commission on Social Action and Religious Action Center in Washington. While Rabbi Schindler does serve on your Advisory Board, I trust you do know that his time is exceedingly limited. In lending his name to such a worthy cause he has indicated that unless there is a serious situation or very special emergency, matters to be discussed in this realm of concern should be directed to the Religious Action Center, particularly Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the Center. Thus, I urge you to undertake a discussion with David Saperstein and members of his staff.

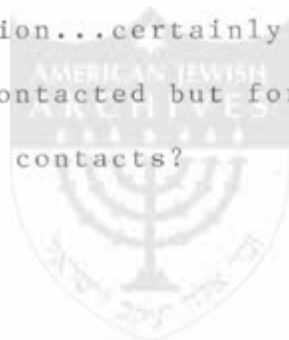
This is a Biennial year of the UAHC, our major convention will convene in New Orleans at the end of October. I know I need not tell you the kind of pressure this places on Rabbi Schindler. His time is truly limited. Thus, I trust you understand this situation. Needless to note, should you ever require and direct assistance from Rabbi Schindler he will be prepared to respond to your call.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller  
Assistant to the President

al - would it be wrong for me to tell them ams is pleased  
to have them use name but his time is limited.....so no  
need for conversation...certainly in event pf special  
emergency can be contacted but for normal, routine matters  
our rac people are contacts?



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## NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON ETHIOPIAN JEWRY (NACOEJ)

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838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

As a member of the NACOEJ Advisory Board, you are aware of our seven-year history of unparalleled activity on behalf of the welfare of Ethiopian Jews in Ethiopia, their desire for aliyah to Israel, and their absorption into Israeli society when they arrive. This commitment remains unabated.

Today, during a period of crisis in Ethiopia, and greatly intensified activity and growth in the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry, the NACOEJ Board of Directors is undertaking a new assessment of several crucial areas of activity in our organization. Among these are our political posture and effectiveness; our long and short term goals in Israel; and our ability to create and maintain effective regional activities in the United States.

In conjunction with these examinations of our organizational processes and goals, we would like to take a fresh look at our Advisory Board, and to discuss the role each member plays and might like to play in the future.

Some Advisory Board members have been very active in NACOEJ. For example, some give a day a week of invaluable service in the NACOEJ headquarters in New York; some undertake major volunteer projects such as controlling the inventory of medical and other supplies that accompany our missions and the artifacts that return with them; some organize fund-raisers and appearances at fairs, parades and other events. Still others lead missions to Ethiopia, undertake speaking engagements, spearhead political efforts and bring in sponsors for our Adopt-A-Student program. Still other Advisory Board members offer particular expertise when called upon for


political, financial, legal or other advice. Over the years, many members of the Advisory Board have taken increased responsibility as members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

I have asked Barbara Ribakove Gordon, Executive Director; Rusty Solomon Moslow, Special Projects Director; and Middie Giesberg, Board member, to join me in talking personally with you about your own role in NACOEJ. If you feel we have not called upon you for enough participation in the remarkable achievements and growth of our organization, let's discuss ways in which we can remedy that to the benefit of Ethiopian Jews. If you feel that you are already participating to the fullest extent in our work, we'll have the opportunity to express our appreciation and renew personal contact.

The work we are doing is of major importance in assisting Ethiopian Jews in a period of both unprecedented turmoil and opportunity. We need the help of every one of the knowledgeable, creative and skilled people on our Advisory Board. Please return the enclosed card promptly, so that we can get together soon, in person or by telephone, to discuss your role in this lifesaving work of our time.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



*Jonathan Giesberg*

Jonathan Giesberg

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Jonathan Giesberg  
NACOEJ  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022



Dear Jonathan,

I am interested in discussing my further participation in the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ) Advisory Board.

Please call me at:

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (day)  
( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening)

so that we can talk.

(signed)

**RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER**  
OF REFORM JUDAISM

June 6, 1989

From: Glenn S. Stein

To: Rabbi David Saperstein

Copies: Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Al Vorspan, Rabbi Lynne Landsberg

Re: Ongoing problems between Project REAP and the JDC

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On May 12th, Dr. Jeff Goldhagen, Dr. Burton Bronsther and Ellen Bronsther brought Dr. Zein Achmed of the Gondar School of Medical Science to meet with Michael Schneider at the JDC office in New York. The purpose of the meeting was a courtesy call. This was Dr. Achmed's first visit to the United States and since he had worked with the JDC doctor at the Teda clinic in Gondar, we thought it would be nice for the JDC leadership to have an opportunity to meet with him. We also thought it would be an opportunity to brief the JDC on our upcoming plans and to explore new possibilities for working together. From our perspective it was another attempt on our part to be helpful and cooperative.

The following account of the meeting was described to me by Ellen Bronsther and confirmed by Dr. Jeff Goldhagen.

Michael Schneider opened the meeting by saying that if they had come to ask for money the answer was no. It went downhill from there.

Michael invited Woody Slater and other JDC staff people into the meeting. According to Jeff he felt as if our project was on trial and the JDC was the jury. From the beginning Jeff said that Michael was "uncooperative, negative, irresponsible, possessive and territorial."

Michael did not mention or show the copy of the news release they had sent out three days earlier announcing a massive meningitis immunization campaign on Gondar, even though Jeff went into great detail to describe the immunization program we were setting up.

(We should point out that the news release, ambiguously worded, allows for the inference that the JDC is working in cooperation with Dr. Zein's school. This is not so and this may, or may not, account for



their failure to show them the release.)

Michael said that he felt "obligated to report this conversation to the Ethiopian RRC and the Regional Ministry of Health." It was not clear to Jeff why Michael said that, but the inference that was given was that Michael did not like the work we were doing and was going to complain to the authorities. Thus far, we have no indication that such a report was filed.

Jeff said that although he had never felt concerned for his physical well-being when in Ethiopia, the tone of the meeting was so hostile that he momentarily feared that some action against him could be prompted by a JDC complaint.

When Jeff was in Ethiopia he could find no evidence that there was an immunization program of any kind in Gondar. The JDC had been successful in bringing a significant quantity of supplies into the country although they had not reached Gondar. This was very interesting to me considering the JDC press release states that "They have become part of a region-wide effort with the Ministry of Health and the Gondar Medical College to administer the preventive vaccine to as many children in Gondar as possible." The fact is that there is no region-wide effort in Gondar right now. It is true that the JDC has allocated some vaccine to the Gondar School of Medical Science but the school has no plan in place to deliver the vaccine to the people in the villages. That is what they have asked us to do.

The question that arises is: how is the JDC planning to deliver the vaccine? They could not be seriously considering using their staff of one doctor and two nurses to attempt to administer 200,000 doses. They have not made any arrangements with the Gondar school. I have no idea what their implementation plan could be. The only way to do this is how we are going to. We have made arrangements with the school in Gondar to use their medical, nursing and sanitarian students (an available pool of 400 people) to divide into teams in order to administer the vaccine. Our doctors will go in order to oversee the entire project.

In addition, our immunization program will not only immunize the children against meningitis but against other deadly childhood diseases such as polio, measles, tuberculosis, diphtheria and tetanus.

This is one more example of the types of problems we have had from the beginning with the JDC. Some of the JDC people have been particularly nice (Aryeh Cooperstock) and others have bordered on overt hostility (Ralph Goldman). Institutionally, however, they have been totally unresponsive. As indicated by the enclosed memos, they never had the decency to respond to our formal request for funding although they promised they would. They certainly never gave us any funding although our program was a perfect complement to their own with almost no overlap and was exactly the kind of program for which they raised all that money. We offered to cooperate with them in whatever way they wanted; indeed, we made a standing offer for them to simply take over the program whenever they wanted to broaden their own involvement



and allow them to get out of the clinic and into the villages. At no time were they willing to enter into any serious discussions with us as to such cooperation.

A related point. When Zein was here in DC, I had the opportunity to spend some private time with him. During that time he asked me what I thought of the JDC. I said we thought they were doing very good work. He said "well they don't like you." He went on to say that last year he was visited by a Ethiopian military official who was asking questions about the SACOW doctors because the JDC had complained about our presence in the area. Dr. Zein told them that the SACOW doctors were working fine and that they were in Gondar legally through the visiting scholar program of the College. The military said they were going to keep their eyes on our doctors and no other incidents occurred. See the copy of my memo to Al dated 6/23/88 which quotes a letter I received from Carol Dororshow regarding this complaint. At that time Al called Aryeh Cooperstock who after checking it out said that there was absolutely no truth to the report.

Finally, regarding the question of covert activity, as you can see from the enclosed documents, at each step of our program we had written agreements with the Gondar College of Medical Science. Nothing was done secretly or covertly in Ethiopia. As to the involvement of the UAHC, while we were certainly one, if not the major support for SACOW's activities in Ethiopia, in the beginning we were concerned that knowledge of the UAHC's involvement might raise inappropriate concerns in Ethiopia. However, certainly by this point, the medical college authorities are aware of, and comfortable with, our involvement. Indeed, Dr. Zein spent a great deal of time at the Religious Action Center meeting with our own people in addition to meetings with U.S. government officials which we facilitated. In addition, you should be aware that SACOW has been involved in developing this program far beyond with what we had originally anticipated in accordance with their normal legitimate medical activities.

Ideally, if we could have at this point anything we wanted from the JDC, it would be: 1) to provide funding for our program; 2) to respond affirmatively, and to request NJCRAAC to do likewise, to any inquiries from local federations and CRC's about our program. This is particularly important now since the Tzedek Society mailing (which will drop over the next few weeks) and the bulletin articles (which will appear in July) will likely evoke such questions; 3) since, sadly, it is too late for us to work together in the immunization program, to assure us that they will do nothing to undermine our project in Ethiopia; and, 4) to change their general mindset so they view us as a partner with whom to cooperate and assist rather than a threat or competitor.





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May 9, 1989

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## JDC ESTABLISHES RELIEF PROGRAM TO COMBAT MENINGITIS OUTBREAK IN ETHIOPIA

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is providing assistance to the people of Ethiopia in response to the deadly strain of bacterial meningitis which, having swept sub-Saharan Africa, including the southern regions of Ethiopia, during the past few months, has begun to appear in the northern Ethiopian regions of Gondar and Wollo.

During recent months, Ethiopia has witnessed thousands of meningitis-related deaths. So far, 1,800 cases of meningitis, and 59 meningitis-related deaths, have been reported in the Gondar Region. The incidence of unreported cases in the rural hinterlands may be much greater.

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JDC, which conducts relief and recovery projects in Ethiopia's Gondar Region, has purchased an emergency consignment of medicines and supplies to help contain the spread of this virulent disease. In the past several weeks, JDC has air-shipped 200,000 doses of vaccine, 180,000 syringes with needles, over 200,000 doses of antibiotics, as well as oral rehydration salts, I.V. solution, and equipment for administration of the medicines.

Michael Schneider, Executive Vice President of JDC, described JDC's operation: "We have an American physician and two American nurses who are part of JDC's staff in Ethiopia and who work and reside in the Gondar region. They have become part of a region-wide effort with the Ministry of Health and the Gondar Medical College to administer the preventive vaccine to as many children in Gondar as possible, as they are at greatest risk. There is no way to predict what course the disease will take in the coming weeks and it is imperative that we vaccinate the children before this lethal strain reaches epidemic proportions in the region."

In addition to its' medical programs, JDC, for several years, has operated other programs in Ethiopia in response to the critical drought and famine that

beset the region earlier this decade.

As the overseas arm of the American Jewish community, JDC is dedicated to assisting those in need. In addition to Ethiopia, JDC has, through non-sectarian, humanitarian efforts, provided relief to El Salvador, Mexico, Cambodia, Italy, Lebanon, Bangladesh, Jamaica, and most recently, Armenia.

JDC's services are supported by contributions to UJA-Federation campaigns throughout the United States.

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RABBI DAVID SAPERSTEIN

May 13, 1986

Mr. Sol Cohen  
J.D.C.  
711 3rd Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Sol,

It was real pleasure having the opportunity to talk through our program with you last month. I wanted to follow up with a letter formalizing our request.

We would like to suggest two alternative plans regarding REAP (The Reform Movements's Ethiopian Jewry Assistance Project).

Our preference would be to have the JDC simply take over our position in the project. This would involve the JDC operating through SACOW quietly like we are doing. As you know SACOW (Surgical Aid for Children Of the World) is the bona fide group under whose name this project is being run in Ethiopia. They are a responsible group with whom we have had no trouble working.

If you took it over in the same relation to SACOW that we have, you would select and brief the doctors, pay for the program, and make the decisions on the actual implementation of the project in Ethiopia (in consultation with SACOW). In other words you would be the behind the scenes agent for SACOW to continue the management of the program.

You had said in our meeting that if you took the program over you would want to operate it in the name of the JDC. I just do not believe this is feasible as the Ethiopians we are working with are already concerned with SACOW's unofficial interest in the Jews. If they have been reluctant to let JDC American doctors staff the Tedda clinic, I am not optimistic they will agree to JDC doctors replacing the SACOW doctors. Finally, I would be very cautious about even mentioning this idea to the Ethiopians for fear that they would suspect a prior tie between the JDC and SACOW which might hurt the JDC's operational ability in Gondar.

If the JDC does not want to take over the program, then we would want to make a formal request for JDC funding of the UAHC for this. If we do not secure funding for this project in the very near future we will either have to abandon it or launch a much more public fundraising campaign.

I hope you will consider our request seriously. Outside of your own program we are the only Jewish program on the ground in Gondor. With our current permission to move into the villages and perhaps to help staff the clinics, the continuation of the project is very important. I would certainly hope that this falls within the guidelines of the type of program which the JDC would fund.





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June 9, 1986

Rabbi David Saperstein  
Religious Action Center  
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Dear Rabbi Saperstein:

Your letter of May 13, 1986, addressed to Dr. Saul Cohen was referred to me for reply. In view of a number of recent developments which may make it feasible for JDC to establish its own medical teams in Gondar Province we must put off consideration of your request.

We are now entering the stages of exploration and negotiation with the authorities. Once this is complete and we have a clear picture of what options we have we shall consider your request and get back to you.

Thank you for your interest. With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

  
Sherwood B. Slater  
Director, Planning & Budget

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cc: Ralph I. Goldman  
Amos Avgar

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October 9, 1986

Mr. Ralph Goldman  
Joint Distribution Committee  
711 3rd Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ralph,

Happy new year. As you know, last year we requested funding from the J.D.C. for our medical project in Gondar, Ethiopia--Project REAP. At that time we were told that you were attempting to establish your own medical personnel in Gondar, and that the outcome of that effort would affect our request. It was projected that a decision would be reached by September 1, 1986.

Due to lack of funding we have not made arrangements for any medical personnel to replace our Dr. Goldhagen when he completes his service next March. Therefore, we are very anxious to hear if our request will be granted. If you would inform me of any developments which have occurred, I would be most appreciative. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Rabbi David Saperstein

cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Mace Levin  
Burton and Ellen Bronsther

January 6, 1987

Mr. Ralph Goldman  
J.D.C.  
711 3rd Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ralph,

On January 12, 1987 at 2:00 pm a meeting will be held at the U.A.H.C. office in New York (838 5th Ave.). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the future of our medical project in Ethiopia, Project REAP.

We would like to invite you to attend this meeting. As the J.D.C. has a great interest in projects held in Ethiopia, and as there is the possibility of our expanding our work in the Gondar region, we feel it important that our organizations continue to communicate with each other.

We would also like an update as to our request for funding of our project. After our last inquiry this past July we were told that you were working to further establish your own medical team in Gondar, but would have a response for us some time in September. We have not yet received an answer from your organization.

Included in this packet is the contract that SACOW has recently signed with the Addis Ababa University, and two letters which were written by our doctor who is presently in Ethiopia. We would appreciate any advice that you might have regarding our endeavors, and look hope that you will be able to attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

Rabbi David Saperstein

cc. Al Vorspan



June 23, 1988

FROM: Glenn S. Stein  
TO: Al Vorspan  
RE: JDC and Project REAP

I received a disappointing letter from Carol Doroshow (our doctor in Ethiopia) the other day. The disappointing part was in reference to the JDC. The portion of her letter which applies reads as follows:

"Both John (her husband) and I have discussed letting you know about a conversation we had with Zein (the dean of the Gondar School of Medial Science and their Ethiopian supervisor) last week. We still do not have our identification cards which you must have in Ethiopia. Zein told us that the Americans at the Teda clinic complained to officials that they were concerned that we would infringe on their work or try to involve ourselves in their work at their clinic. Zein felt this was holding up the cards and our official sanction in being here. The head dean of Addis University has written to security asking for help in getting us our cards. I tell you this not because I feel our cards will not eventually come but to hopefully allow you to speak with the New York representatives of JDC to reassure them that this is NOT out intention. I know both John and I will avoid any bad feelings or intermixing of work. I would hate to think JDC would actively work at making our stay here less pleasant.. I hope all this will work out soon."

Al, in addition -- for your information only -- you should know that the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jews believes that the reason their last delegation to Ethiopia had trouble getting to the Jewish villages is because of things the JDC has said about them in Ethiopia. I did not give this much credibility before -- but now I must wonder.

Please call Aryeh Cooperstock -- this nonsense must stop.

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The agreement between SACOW and Addis Ababa University was accomplished after multiple meetings and conferences with the below named individuals. The following individuals participated in framing the final agreement.

- 1.) Dr. Malede Maru, Dean, Gondar College of Medical Sciences.
- 2.) Dr. Gebresalassie, Head, Community Health Department, Gondar College of Medical Sciences.
- 3.) Dr. Jeff Goldhagen
- 4.) Professor Demissie Habte, Dean, Faculty of Medicine
- 5.) Professor Taye Mekuria, Head, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Addis Ababa.
- 6.) Professor Orvar Johnson, Associate Director of Surgery, Black Lian Hospital.
- 7.) Professor Nebiat Tafari, Head, Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Addis Ababa.
- 8.) Dr. Haile Gabriel Dagne, Vice President for Business and Development, Addis Ababa University.
- 9.) Dr. Aragay
- 10.) Dr. Gizan Tsehai, Minister of Health
- 11.) Mrs. Sophia Desalegn, Research and Publications Office, Addis Ababa University.



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Agreement Between Addis Ababa University (AAU)  
and Surgical Aid for Children of the World (SACOW)

The Addis Ababa University (hereinafter called the University) and Surgical Aid to children of the World (hereinafter called SACOW) have had an ongoing relationship in a medical programme jointly established in March 1986. Subsequent to an onsite visit and review of the progress of the programme by Dr. Burton Bronsther and Mayor Ellyn Bronsther, President and Vice President of SACOW respectively, it was mutually agreed that this programme had a great deal to offer to the people of Ethiopia and also to the participating SACOW scholars.

Upon the request of the University SACOW has hereby agreed to extend and expand its assistance to cover two programmes which are hereafter called:

1. GCMS (Gondar College of Medical Sciences) - SACOW Programme.
2. FMA (Faculty of Medicine, Addis Ababa) - SACOW Programme.

Both programmes are guided by the expressed aim of self-sufficiency through building technical capability in the areas of medical activity included in the respective programme. They will extend for a period of 2 years contingent upon a review and re-evaluation of the programmes by the University and SACOW. This will be accomplished within 8-12 months from the date of this agreement.

Nature of the Programmes

1. The GCMS-SACOW Programme

1.1 Objectives:

- 1.1.1 Involvement in the training of paraprofessional health workers in a multidisciplinary health unit.



- 1.1.2 Involvement in training of senior medical students in a model health unit.
- 1.1.3 Involvement in the training of nursing and sanitarian students.
- 1.1.4 To create appropriate forum for development of research, intervention, and disease control programmes.
- 1.4.5 Development of information, monitoring, and referral systems.
- 1.4.6 Delivery of primary health care including a full public health programme centered in the Kolla Diba Health Center. These provisions are to include:
  - a. Primary health care (Medical care including nursing service).
  - b. Maternal/child health services and family planning.
  - c. Expanded programme on immunization (EPI).
  - d. Environmental health services.

## 1.2 Undertakings

### 1.2.1 Undertakings of Addis Ababa University

- a. Provide sufficient incentive to recruit and employe Ethiopian academic staff.
- b. Provide physical facilities for training of students (dormitories, dinning hall etc.) in rural areas and improve physical facilities to fulfill departmental needs.
- c. Provide funds for fuel and other transport needs.
- d. Supply equipment and drugs for health institutions used for training.
- e. Maintain public relations aspects of the programme (contact with government and community organizations).
- f. Provide support for research by students and staff in the field training areas.

### 1.2.3 Undertakings of SACOW

- a. Provide community health experts, which will include faculty, residents, externs and nurses until such time sufficient local trained manpower is available.
- b. Support local efforts to improve physical facilities for field training and department.
- c. Provide training opportunities for local staff including exchange of experts between universities.
- d. Support attempts to improve transportation, equipment and drug supply for training health institutions.
- e. Provide additional support to research programmes.

Full details of the programme will be worked out in due course and become part of this agreement upon acceptance by the Ministry of Health, GCNC and SACOW.

### 1.3 Expected Effects of the Joint Action

- 1.3.1 Different approaches for health service management will be tested and those proved effective will be recommended for country wide application.
- 1.3.2 Students will be given training in real life situation which prepares them for leadership in community medicine.
- 1.3.3 This pilot programme will be extended to three more districts, namely Tseda, Addis Zemen and Gorgora covering an estimated population of 200,000. The extension will begin within three to six months.
- 1.3.4 Communities will receive expanded services (see Addendum 1)

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## 2. FMA-SACOW Programme

This programme aims at establishing self-sufficiency in pediatric surgery at the FMA (Faculty of Medicine). There will be monthly visits of high level SACOW scholars in pediatric surgery, pediatric urology, pediatric orthopedics, pediatric anesthesia, pediatric ENT, oncology, neonatology and gastroenterology and other specialities as would be requested by FMA. Further, SACOW undertakes to help in the establishment of a Burn Unit within the Faculty of Medicine.

The University will appoint a staff to coordinate the unit and provide space for same. SACOW Burn Coordinator will work out the details of this Burn Unit with the Ethiopian Coordinator.

Full details of the remainder of the programme will be worked out in detail with a SACOW scholar who will visit the Faculty in February 1987.

SACOW shall obtain a car but the University will provide an appropriate license, fuel and maintenance for the car. International travels and maintenance costs for the duration of stay of the scholars will be covered by SACOW. SACOW shall also contribute 1,000 Birr per month to help the University administer the programme.

It is understood that the University shall provide accommodation to SACOW scholars and expedite immigration formalities, travelling papers and residence permits.

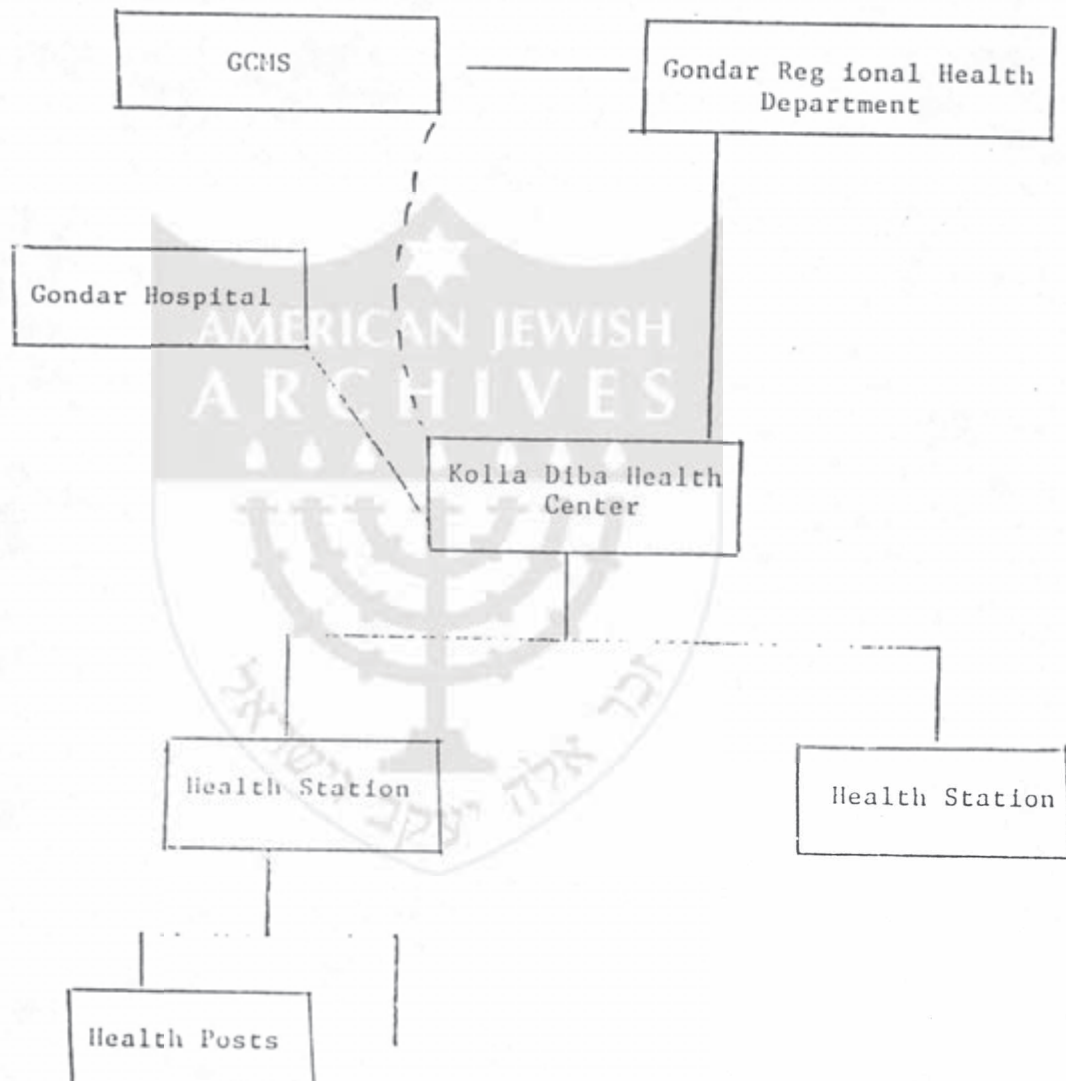
Dr. Aregay Waktola  
on behalf of AAU

Dr. Burton Bronshter  
on behalf of SACOW

DATE: November 21, 1986



Addendum 1  
Structure of Health Delivery System





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September 6, 1988

Burton Bronsther, M.D.  
Surgical Aid to Children of the World  
195 North Village Avenue  
Rockville Center, New York 11570  
USA


Dear Dr. Bronsther,

This document will serve as a formal request that the Board of Directors of SACOW implement a program of Pediatric Surgical Assistance in this country at the earliest possible date.

We will endeavor to cooperate and assist your staff in any supportive format that is mutually beneficial.

We look forward to an early response.

Sincerely,

  
Zein Ahmed Zein, M.D.  
Dean





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May 4, 1989  
29 Nisan 5749

Mr. Yosef I. Abramowitz  
Chairperson  
and  
Mr. Daniel Yossef  
Executive Director  
Reunify Ethiopian Jewry  
c/o World Union of Jewish Students  
P.O. Box 7914  
Jerusalem 91077 Israel

Dear Messrs. Abramowitz and Yossef:

I have your various materials regarding the plight of Ethio-  
pian Jewry and I write to advise that I have signed an in-  
ternational petition which I return to you herewith. There  
are a number of staff members here at the Union who have al-  
ready signed this or similar petitions. It is a cause which  
is very near and dear to our hearts. We are pleased to par-  
ticipate.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Re: The Plight of Ethiopian Jewry

On behalf of the World Union of Jewish Students, we are pleased to enclose the Activist Campaign Kit for the Reunification of Ethiopian Jewry.

As you are no doubt aware from the recent reports, both media and official, the tragedy affecting this community is now reaching the desperate stage.

Together with the Ethiopian leadership in Israel, WUJS has launched a public campaign to prioritize and highlight this plight. Indeed, we believe that this should be the major concern of the Jewish world in general and of the Zionist community in particular.

As you can see from our enclosures, care has been taken to portray the Ethiopian community in a realistic rather than pathetic light. The campaign is a positive campaign and the title slogan "We are Family" indicates to the community and from the community the unity and joint purpose that should inspire us all.



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In sharing this information ( which is currently being promoted in 15 countries around the world) with you, we would like to bring your attention to the petition and the bracelet project in particular.

The Petition: Conceived by Hanan Aynor, Israel's last ambassador to Ethiopia and approved jointly by the WUJS Executive and the leadership of the Ethiopian community, the petition has been endorsed by a majority in Israel's Government and Knesset (see reverse side of kit folder). This legitimacy should pave the way for a united effort for a public campaign.

The Adoption Bracelet Project: Enclosed in the kit is a complementary bracelet. The bracelets are made from sterling silver with real leather straps. They come with the name and address of an Ethiopian youth/student whose family remains left behind in Ethiopia. It is interesting to note that the Ethiopians themselves make these bracelets.

By adopting Ethiopian youth, the public campaign develops a personal dimension allowing for many positive dynamics including the fact that via correspondence the Ethiopian youth do not feel so isolated, their pain is tangibly shared and the diaspora communities who are removed from the miracle of this Aliyah can themselves be inspired.

We are turning to you, as a member of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization, with a view to cooperating and advancing the goals of this campaign. We welcome your feedback on the enclosed material and would be happy to supply further information (such as bracelet costs including group rates) on request.

In addition, we would like to add your name as a signatory to the International petition and have enclosed a petition sheet (for this purpose) for you to sign and return to us. Your name will then be published along with the other Jewish leaders in the future.

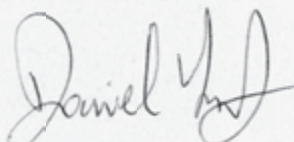
We look forward to your response.

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Yosef I. Abramowitz

Chairperson



Daniel Yossef

Executive Director



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Speech by **President Chaim Herzog** to the International Jewish Students Conference on Ethiopian Jewry.

*Activist Campaign Kit*

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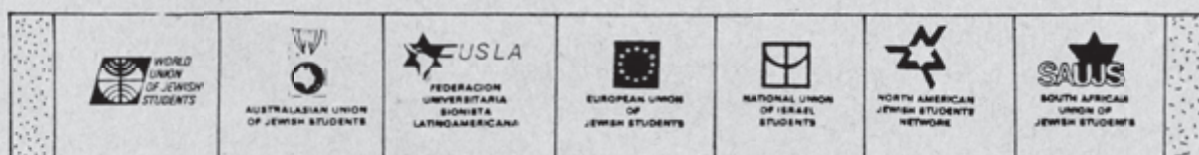
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We implore the government of Ethiopia to heed the Biblical supplication:

**"Let my People Go"**

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# THE SILENCE IS CRIMINAL



Jerusalem Post, Tuesday October 17, 1988

Daily, we receive letters which cry out with pain and sorrow. The letters speak of death and famine. Our relatives plead with us to bring them to Jerusalem.

Yet you remain silent.

The letters speak of women who are alone, children who are starving, and villages which are vanishing.

Yet for over four years our families have been abandoned by silence, and condemned to slowly disappear through death and deprivation. Once again, the crime of silence which was perpetrated during the Holocaust is being repeated. The Jewish community which has been inflicted with this silence is Ethiopian Jewry.

In our efforts to reunite our families we approached the leadership of American Jewry. Our plea was to take a more public stance on behalf of our families. During the September meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), in New York, the issue of Ethiopian Jewry was discussed. However, a session chaired by a member of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) chose to quash any attempts to create any public activity on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry.

We ask why?

Ironically, this silence is justified by the desire not to repeat the same mistake that halted Operation Moses. Therefore Jewish leadership has determined to maintain complete confidentiality in all aspects regarding Ethiopian Jewry. The problem with this logic is that it is backwards. Operation Moses was halted solely because irresponsible leaders leaked details of a secret rescue operation.

This outdated logic is condemning Ethiopian Jewry for a second time. It is irrational to equate the publicizing of a secret rescue operation with the creation of a public campaign promoting the humanitarian right of family reunification.

As leaders of the Ethiopian community in Israel, we implore American Jewry to create a public campaign. This campaign will only stress the humanitarian right of family reunification for Ethiopian Jewry. It is not designed to criticize Israel. And, the campaign is also not intended to release any sensitive information. Unfortunately our appeal has fallen on deaf ears.

This situation can be rectified. We believe the leaders of the Jewish Agency, its board of governors, can change the current policy impasse. Let us do away with the closed-door, confidential briefings. Let us not rely solely on quiet diplomacy or on the Joint Distribution Committee's non-sectarian aid in Ethiopia. The new leaders of the Jewish Agency, led by Simcha Diniz and Mendel Kaplan, have shown a readiness to change in many fields. We urge you to take upon yourselves the responsibility for creating a public campaign for the reunification of Ethiopian Jewry.

Positive lessons must be learned from the campaign for Soviet Jewry. The unique intertwining of quiet diplomacy and public advocacy has proven very effective. The government of Ethiopia must be made publicly aware of Ethiopian Jewry's humanitarian right to family reunification. Diplomatic efforts will only be enhanced if the Ethiopian government realizes that the state of Israel and Diaspora Jewry fully support a public campaign on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry.

Ask yourselves a simple question.

Do you know where your children or spouses are at this very moment? Are they safe? Are you sure? If for just one moment you twinged and thought about calling them, think about us. For over four years we have anguished over the guilt of leaving family behind in Ethiopia. If your family member was in danger, you would do everything possible to rescue moment.

Our appeal now is not for money, but for partnership in completing the reunification of our families. The leaders of American Jewry constantly state their support for the reunification of Ethiopian Jewry. However, lip service is no longer acceptable.

A confidential memo, distributed in the Washington D.C. area to rabbis and community leaders by the United Jewish Appeal/Federation and the Jewish Community Council, clearly stated that "discussion and advocacy (for Ethiopian Jewry) must have a low to zero profile." This statement illustrates the national policy of the CJF and NJCRAC.

Is this not irresponsible leadership? This analysis of the current situation regarding Ethiopian Jewry is based on the situation that existed in the late 1970's and early 1980's, and not with the reality of 1988. A public

campaign is still equated with "Israel bashing." The reality is exactly the opposite. We are creating a public campaign that is focused solely on the humanitarian right of the reunification of our families.

During the recent CJF meetings, the issue debated was not the merits of a full-scale public campaign. No demonstrations were debated. No vigils or lecture tours were discussed. Not even the issue of protesting outside the Ethiopian Embassy. No, these were not the controversial items debated. The debate centred on whether to support an international petition on behalf of family reunification. The petition reads as follows:

"We the undersigned... from all walks of life appeal to the government of Ethiopia to express our shock and deep concern about Ethiopian Jews who are denied their rights to join their children, fathers and mothers living in other countries.

"Ethiopia, as a co-signatory of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations, is obliged to abide by its clause permitting and assisting the unification of families separated by migration - a principal accepted and respected by all civilized governments and members of the international community of nations.

"We implore the government of Ethiopia to heed the biblical supplication:

"Let My People Go."

This petition was drafted with the assistance of ambassador Hanan Aynor, who served for many years as a diplomat in Africa and was Israel's last envoy to Ethiopia. This petition was rejected by American Jewish organizations, because they felt "it would arouse a negative response in the Ethiopian leadership." (*The Jerusalem Post*, "U.S. Jewish groups oppose Ethiopian Jews campaign," September 16, 1988).

Did Diaspora Jewry ask the Soviet Union every time it organized a march or a petition campaign on behalf of Natan Sharansky or Ida Nudel? Were they concerned with Soviet sensitivities? The answers are obviously no. The most basic act of heightening awareness, signing a petition, was rejected. Have these Jewish leaders no moral conscience?

In the early 1960's the Jewish establishment tried to prevent a public campaign to promote the aliya of Soviet Jewry. Is history repeating itself?

A basic humanitarian right is being denied Ethiopian Jewry. Our families are divided! This act of forced separation must be rectified immediately. More than 15,000 Jews remain in Ethiopia. How long can you remain silent?

Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur has told us many times that Ethiopian Jewry has a legitimate right and obligation to demonstrate and speak out on behalf of our families. Do Israelis and Diaspora Jewry have any less right or obligation?

The board of governors of the Jewish Agency can make a major difference. A clear policy mandate must be given to support an international public campaign on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry. However, as a first step, approving the petition and mandating Uri Gordon, head of the Aliyah Department, to actively distribute it, will be a very positive change. This will send a clear message to Diaspora Jewish organizations and volunteer groups in Israel that the time has come to speak out on the humanitarian right of family reunification for Ethiopian Jewry.

This is the type of creativity and boldness which is needed in 1988 in order to save Ethiopian Jewry. The current thought process which exists within Diaspora Jewish leadership will doom our families to exile and death. As a community, we are united on this stand. Now let us work together as partners. Let us be proud of our efforts, public and quiet, which will enable Ethiopian Jewry to achieve its long lost dream of returning to Zion.

Shlomo Mula, Chairman  
Ethiopian Jewish Students Association  
Rachamim Elazar, Chairman  
National Council for Ethiopian Jews in Israel  
Uri Tekele, Chairman  
Beta Israel Association  
Yisrael Yitzhak, Chairman  
Association of Ethiopian Immigrants







## מצע אשקלון למען יהודי אתיופיה

מצע אשקלון הנו הצהרה של העידה הבינלאומית הראשונה של הסטודנטים היהודים בנושא יהודי אתיופיה, שנערכה באשקלון בין ה-3-5 בינואר 1988, י"ג-ט"ו בטבת תשמ"ח.

אי אפאה!

### ■ העידה:

- (1) קוראת למדינת ישראל וליהדות העולם להעמיד את מצוקת יהודי אתיופיה בראש סולם העדיפויות.
- (2) קוראת לסטודנטים היהודיים ולמנהיגים בעולם כולו להעלות את הבעיה האתיופית לפני ממשלותיהם.
- (3) קוראת לארגונים ולמנהיגים היהודיים לפעול בדרך של מדיניות שקטה והן בפעילות צבורית.
- (4) מדגישה את ההכרה הבינלאומית בזכות ההומניטרית של אחד משפחות כאלמנט מרכזי במסע ההסברה הצבורי בנושא יהודי אתיופיה.
- (5) קוראת לממשלת אתיופיה לכבד את הזכות הבסיסית של כל אדם להגר מכל מדינה, כולל מדינתם.
- (6) קוראת ליהדות העולם להכיר באסירים היהודים האתיופים כאסירי ציון ולקרוא לשחרורם המדי.
- (7) קוראת לכל הארגונים והגופים המטפלים בבעיית יהודי אתיופיה, כולל ממשלת ישראל וההתאחדות העולמית של הסטודנטים היהודים, להתאחד למען הקמת ארגון נג טפול בבעיה זו.
- (8) קוראת לממשלת ישראל, לסוכנות היהדות, להסתדרות הציונית העולמית ולשאר הארגונים היהודיים בעולם לממן תוכניות חינוכיות אשר יבהירו את מחויבותם של יהודי אתיופיה ליהדות, לציונות ולעם היהודי.
- (9) מכירה בייחודו של המסורת והתרבות של יהודי אתיופיה וקוראת לפעול לשמירתו.
- (10) קוראת למיזוג וקליטה של יהודי אתיופיה בארץ.
- (11) קוראת להתאחדות העולמית של הסטודנטים היהודים ליום מסע הסברה סטודנטיאלי עולמי למען יהודי אתיופיה.
- (12) אנו, המשתתפים בעידה הבינלאומית הראשונה של הסטודנטים היהודיים בנושא יהודי אתיופיה, מצהירים על התחייבותנו לפעול במטרה לקדם את מצע אשקלון.

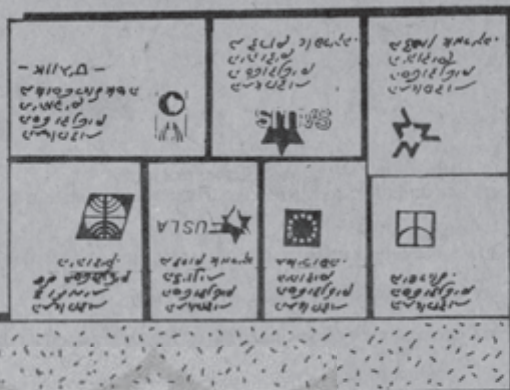
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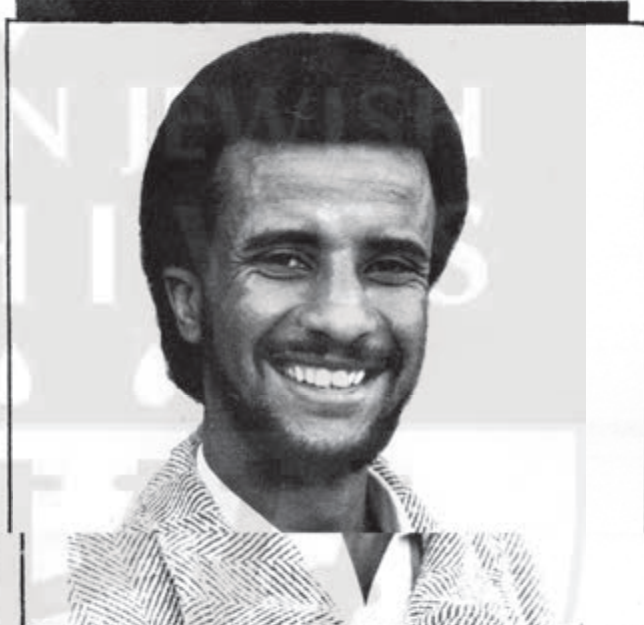
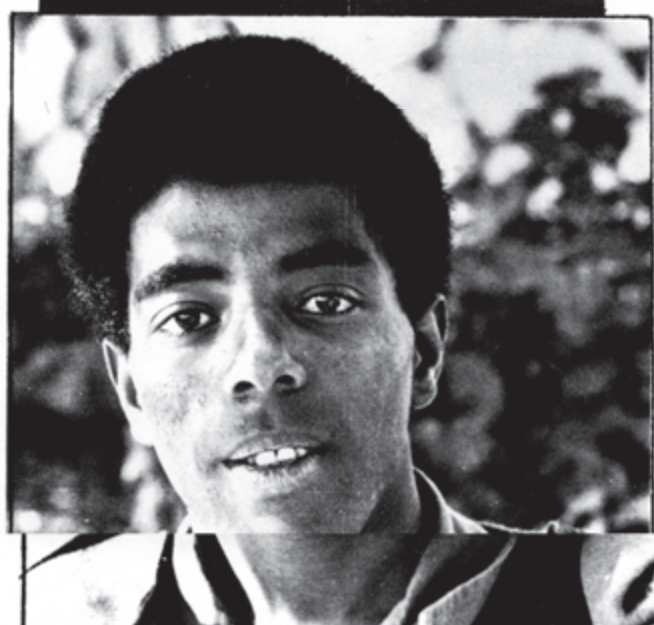
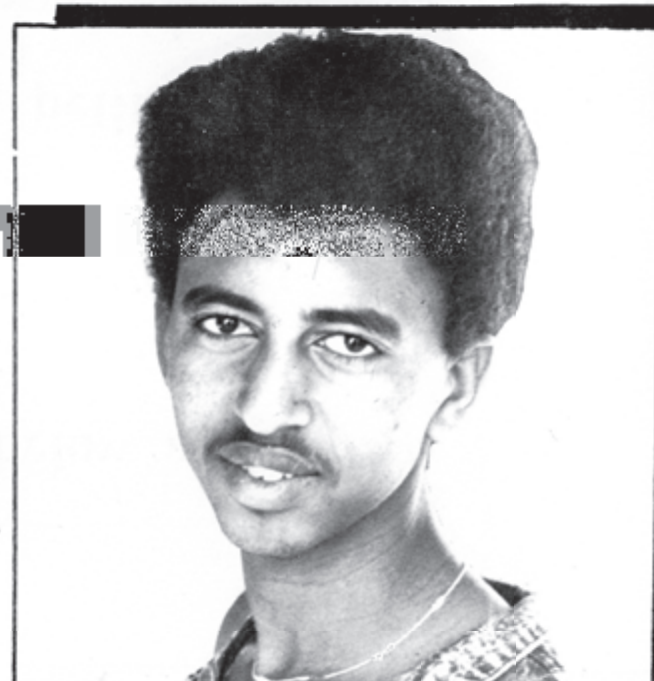
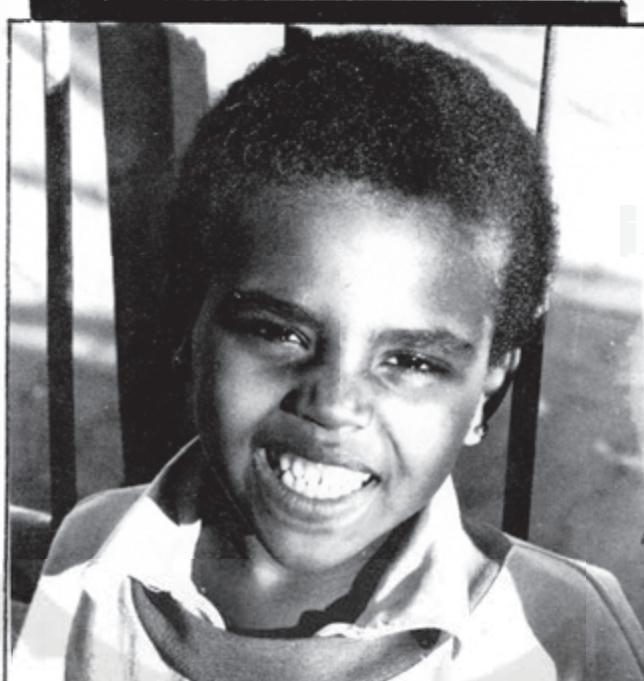
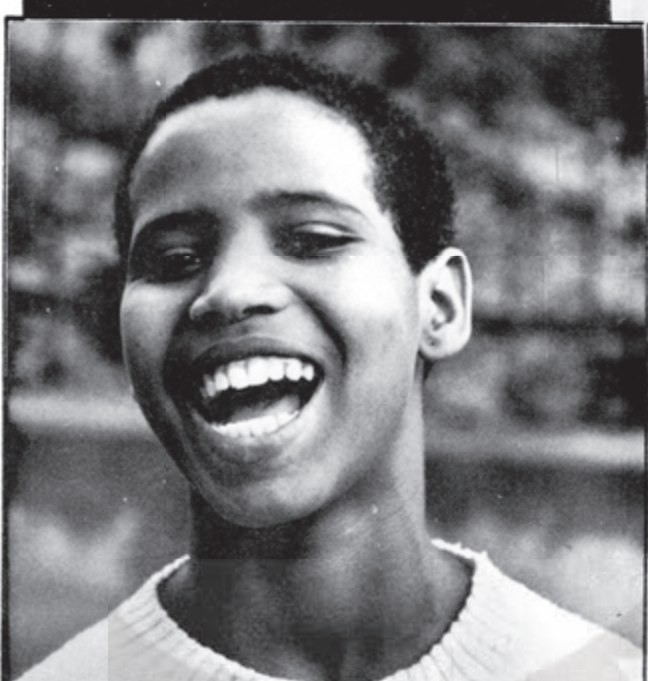
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# המשרד המבחן והמבחן









*We are family!*



There are at least 15,000 Jews currently trapped in Ethiopia and more than 1,000 Ethiopian children living in Israel without their parents. At the time of their Aliya the Ethiopian youth hoped to be shortly reunited with their parents and relatives. Today, this hope has turned to despair.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Contact the number listed below and get involved!

- \* Purchase a bracelet and adopt an Ethiopian student.
- \* Sign the international petition.
- \* Pressure your government to lobby for family reunification.

*Together we can bring our family home!*





## WHY A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN?

Having dealt with Ethiopian-African affairs for the last 30 years at the Foreign Ministry and now at the Truman Institute of the Hebrew University, and having served as Israel's last Ambassador to Addis Ababa, I shall try and summarize my opinion on the matter of the rescue of the remaining Beta Israel (Falasha's) in Ethiopia.

1. Nothing should be done at this juncture without the open or tacit consent of the Ethiopian authorities.
2. Considering that Ethiopia is governed by a military Junta with strong ideological and military ties to the Soviet Union and the Communist bloc of nations, and that ...
3. Ethiopia is again exposed to a grave famine situation in the North-West - in the Wollo, Tigray and Erytrea provinces. Like in former years, Ethiopia expects to receive Western help and food shipments of about 350 million US\$ for its starving population. Part of these shipments have been diverted, in the past, to feed the Army and also have been sold on the black market. The Ethiopian government used these shipments as a tool to control an unruly rural population.
4. During the last five months Ethiopia's military situation has gravely deteriorated. At the end of April, an Army group of about two divisions reinforced by support units has been defeated by Erytrea forces near the region of NAFKA. Rumours claim losses of about ten thousand killed and important quantities of tanks, artillery and arms lost; the commanding

general arrested and possibly executed. A national emergency was declared and students and highschool pupils were mobilized into the armed services. About two months ago, Tigrinean Rebel Forces conquered the famous town of AXUM in central Ethiopia. On the Southern border with Somalia in the OGADEN, as among the Muslim affair in the Galla populations exists much unrest but not yet open rebellion.

5. Being afraid that permitting the unification of Jewish families could affect their relations with their pro-communist Muslim-Arab allies (South Yemen - Lybia) the Ethiopian government has been intransigent to our pleas and requests.
6. Prestoika. The New Soviet policy as elaborated and implemented by Gorbachev, added another new and vital complication to Ethiopian difficulties. The Soviets are cutting their foreign political and military obligations to a minimum in Asia and Africa. They are leaving Afghanistan and are disengaging from Cambodia. Their Cuban allies retreat from Angola, and Mozambique signed agreements with South Africa. The Head of the Ethiopian ruling Junta, Mengistu Haile Mariam secretly visited Moscow last month. It seems that the Soviet Block will not put an immediate stop to its Ethiopian involvement, but will gradually reduce its expenditure. Informed circles believe that this year the Soviet Block will cut by 20% its military assistance of about 800 million U.S. Dollars by reducing

personnel and arms deliveries.

7. The Ethiopian government reacted to its changed internal and external situation by sending informal, non-publicised missions to Western States explaining their readiness to cooperate economically and politically by opening Ethiopia to Western investments, etc. Actually Ethiopian authorities are looking desperately for a Western replacement of the reduced Soviet presence.
8. This is the historic moment to mobilise Western public opinion through a well-organized and advertised petition addressed to the Ethiopian government - directed to arouse widespread interest in the plight of Ethiopian Jewry.
9. It is proposed that large Jewish service organizations spearhead the petition on a local and national level. The petition should then be presented to the Ethiopian Embassy and to the National foreign ministries for action.
10. We consider a well-organized international petition campaign capable of sensitizing Western public opinion and creating its own political momentum and will finally oblige Ethiopian authorities to consider conciliatory attitudes towards our request for family unification.

Hanan S. Aynor



Hanan S. Aynor Photography by Ann Gassenheimer





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

From: Rabbi David Saperstein  
To: Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Re: Your upcoming meeting with Shimon Peres and Ethiopian Jewry concerns

Please share the following information with Prime Minister Peres:

#### RESETTLEMENT

Art Fost, one of our REAP doctors who recently returned from Ethiopia, told us about witnessing peasants being loaded onto transport helicopters at the Gondar airport. He felt certain that these people were being forcibly relocated as part of the Ethiopian "resettlement" program. This was one of the first concrete indications of the resettlement program affecting people in the Gondor region. (See enclosed article for background on the general resettlement program).

His report, now substantiated by reliable U.S. government information that as many as 50,000 people have already been deported from the Gondar region, is cause for serious concern. Most alarmingly, resettlement has reached Adis Zemen which is less than 20 miles from the Jewish villages.

Although we do not have any information that suggests that any Ethiopian Jews have been resettled as of this time, we are very concerned over the increase of this activity near the area where Ethiopian Jews live.

Our concern is two-fold. First, as the enclosed article indicates, as many as 100,000 Ethiopians have died in the resettlement process. That is tragic enough. We don't want the Jews caught up in it. Secondly, given the lightening speed with which the resettlement program is implemented, thousands of Jews could suddenly be dispersed to remote regions, making rescue much more difficult and subjecting the Jews to an uncertain fate.

It is not clear whether the Israelis are fully aware of this development.

(SEE NEW DEVELOPMENT ON BOTTOM OF NEXT PAGE)

#### CANADIAN REUNIFICATION INITIATIVE

The Israelis have been using the Swedish government to serve as their negotiator with the Ethiopian government on allowing the remaining Ethiopian Jews to be reunited with their families in Israel, as guaranteed by international law. So far the Swedes, like other governments before them, have been unsuccessful.



Currently, experts are suggesting that the Canadians can be effective in such efforts since they have a particularly good relationship with the Ethiopians. Canada is the one country that has supplied Ethiopia with large amounts of aid without criticizing their "resettlement" activity.

The Canadians seem to be waiting, however, for a clearer sign from the Israeli government that they would like the Canadians to serve as a negotiator in the family reunification process. (See the enclosed letter from Prime Minister Mulroney).

It may be that the Israelis feel that the Ethiopians will not be receptive no matter who asks them. That may be true, but at a time of such urgency there does not seem much downside risk from trying.

### NEW DEVELOPMENT

A TRAVELER JUST RETURNED FROM GONDAR. WHILE HE WAS THERE HE WENT TO THE JEWISH VILLAGE OF ATEGE. HE WAS TOLD BY MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE THAT 80 JEWS FROM ATTEGE HAD BEEN FORCIBLY RESETTLED BY THE GOVERNMENT. WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS WHEN ONE OF OUR DOCTORS RETURN NEXT WEEK.

*Shimon Stein*



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE  
Ottawa, K1A 0A2  
January 9, 1986

Dear Lloyd,

I would like to thank you very much for your letter of August 15 regarding Canadian assistance in the reunification of families of Ethiopian Jews.

Canadians were touched by the plight of the Ethiopian Jews who had sought refuge in Sudan last year. At that time, our country received approximately fifty Jewish refugees who had opted for reunification with families in Canada. With respect to the Jews still in Ethiopia (according to our information, the number is closer to 5,000), we have made arrangements with the Jewish Immigration Aid Society (JIAS) in order to facilitate the immigration to Canada of those who wish to do so.

It is our understanding, however, that most have expressed the wish to resettle in Israel. While we are prepared to approach the Ethiopian government on those cases which affect Canada, we do not think that either party, in this case the Ethiopian and Israeli governments, would welcome Canadian intervention. This, in fact, has already been indicated to us by those concerned.

I would like to thank you for making me aware of your concerns. Let me assure you that we will continue to monitor the situation very closely and do what we can, as appropriate, to assist in re-unification.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Lloyd Crouse, P.C., M.P.,  
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Centre Block,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa, Ontario.  
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# Ethiopians Risk Lives Fleeing Resettlement

*Escapees to Sudan Tell of Deaths, Degradation in Two Countries*

By Blaine Harden  
Washington Post Foreign Service

ED DAMAZIN, Sudan—The dismal odyssey of the young Ethiopian mother began last spring with a false promise of free food.

That promise lured Letehawaria Gebre Yessus into a trip that took her from the highlands of northern Ethiopia to a swampy resettlement camp in its southwestern corner. Late in February, after an escape journey of three months, she found her way here to a refugee camp in the thorn-tree badlands of eastern Sudan.

En route, she said, she was forced by Ethiopian soldiers to abandon her two children, and she watched her husband die of disease in a crowded transit camp. After fleeing Ethiopia, she said, she was robbed, beaten, raped and held as a slave by Sudanese rebels.

The woman's story, which she quietly told in the shade of a refugee tent, echoes those of many of the nearly 1,000 Ethiopian refugees here who have fled the resettlement program that the Ethiopian government insists is the only possible long-term solution to chronic famine in the country.

Nearly 600,000 northern Ethiopians have been moved south by the program since November 1984. When it began, Tamrat Kebede, the Ethiopian official responsible for designing the program, said in an interview in Addis Ababa that the resettlement would be voluntary, that families would not be split and that each family would be given about five acres of land to farm privately.

Tamrat said then that these conditions would guarantee the human rights and self-respect of resettled famine victims, and would ensure needed grass-roots support.

But interviews here with escapees from resettlement camps, along with the reports of researchers and relief workers who have conducted random surveys among refugees, indicate that the Ethiopian government has widely violated and ignored its preset conditions.

As Ethiopia's famine abates, the resettlement program continues, with a goal of moving 1.5 million people by the end of this year. The program has become by far the most contentious issue between Marxist Ethiopia and the western governments and private relief organizations that supply most of its famine assistance.

The Ethiopian government temporarily suspended the resettlement program at the end of last month in response to criticism from western aid donors. The suspension, to last an indefinite period, was ordered "for a period of consolidation and to digest what they have already done," a senior western aid official in Addis Ababa told United Press International last weekend.

According to western aid officials in the Ethiopian capital, the final 1,000 resettlers arrived in Asosa from Welo Province in the last week of February. Ethiopian government officials, while not officially announcing the suspension, said last week that internal and external criticism has forced a government review of resettlement. But western aid officials say that it was primarily outside donor criticism that forced the suspension.

While Italy and Canada have given money specifically to support resettlement, most other donors have expressed reservations. The United States, by far the largest food donor, has condemned the program as a diversion of resources better spent in the famine-affected north. A French-based relief agency, Doctors Without Borders, was expelled from Ethiopia last fall for charging that up to 100,000 persons had died as a result of resettlement.

Most critics of resettlement contend that it has a political, not a humanitarian, aim: to depopulate the rebel-dominated north, where the government has been unable for nearly a quarter century to impose military control.

The Ethiopian government has admitted to some abuses in the program by "overzealous local officials." But it maintains that the idea of moving famine victims from the drought-razed northern highlands to the fertile southwestern lowlands is sound. The Soviet-supported rulers have dismissed most criticism of resettlement as motivated by western, anti-Marxist ideology disguised as humanitarian concern. At the same time, the Ethiopian government strictly restricts outside access to resettlement areas.

The stories told here in this two-month-old refugee camp come not from outsiders but from peasant farmers from the Welo and Tigray regions of northern Ethiopia. In 13 separate interviews here, they told a consistent story, details of which are supported by earlier interviews in Ethiopia with relief officials.

Most of the refugees said they were "tricked" into gathering in northern villages by government-circulated promises that the "Red Cross" would be distributing free food. Many left their children behind, thinking that they would soon be coming back home. However, they were surrounded by Ethiopian soldiers and loaded onto buses or helicopters bound for transit camps. Several refugees said they saw soldiers shoot and kill farmers who tried to run away.

The settlers described several weeks in transit camps, with shortages of food, water and medical

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# Resettlement (continued)



care, as well as many deaths from illness. They then were packed into Soviet Antonov transport planes or buses for the 600- to 700-mile journey south to resettlement sites near Asosa and Gambela. Several said that people who became critically ill during the bus ride south were hauled out of the buses and abandoned at roadsides.

In Gambela and Asosa, lowland areas where more than 145,000 people have been resettled in scores of new villages in the past 16 months, the refugees said there were chronic shortages of food, clothes and shelter. Many said they became ill with malaria, a disease they had no experience with in the northern highlands.

Party cadre and soldiers, the refugees said, forced the settlers to clear land and build houses, enforcing discipline by beating and imprisoning those who refused to work. In Asosa and Gambela, refugees said they were forced to work on cooperative farms and were allowed little time to tend their small gardens.

Gebre Selassie, 24, a political refugee here who said he worked in Asosa for the Ethiopian government as a medical assistant, supported the accounts of many refugees by saying that the major health problem in the camps was malnutrition.

"Most of the people in the camps were sick because of hunger. They were not given enough food," said Gebre Selassie. He said most settlers were given about a pound of corn a day at Asosa, an amount nutritionists say is insufficient to maintain body weight while doing heavy work.

Refugees here said they were warned frequently by party cadre against trying to escape from the camps. In weekly "political education" meetings, the cadre warned settlers of Ethiopian soldiers who would shoot them, of wild animals in nearby jungles and of allegedly cannibalistic tribesmen across the nearby Sudanese border.

Yet, between last November and the first of this year, the refugees estimate that about 3,000 Ethiop-

ians tried to escape from Gambela and Asosa. They said many were captured inside the border and that some drowned trying to cross rivers into Sudan.

Letehawaria, the 27-year-old mother of two whose husband died in transit before reaching Gambela, was one of several hundred women captured by Sudanese rebel soldiers, believed by relief officials here to belong to the Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA), which controls nearby areas of southern Sudan.

According to several of these women who arrived here last month, the Sudanese rebel soldiers raped them and forced them to live for a month as slaves in Sudanese villages. Relief officials believe these men were members of the Dinka tribe, which dominates that region of Sudan.

The SPLA, which receives arms and funding from the Ethiopian government, also extorted money from many of the fleeing Ethiopians, stole their clothes and forced some of them back to resettlement camps, the refugees said.

Those who eluded or later escaped the rebel soldiers have been brought here to Ed Damazin by the Sudanese military. They are temporarily under the care of the Fellowship for African Relief, a small Canadian relief agency. The U.N. refugee commission in Khartoum says many of them soon will be transported north and allowed to return across the border into rebel-held areas of Ethiopia.

Like many of his fellow resettlement escapees, Yibran Alemayeh, 54, said he wants to find his wife and six children. He said soldiers rounded him up a year ago in the Tigrayan city of Adua. If he cannot find his family, Yibran says he will join the Tigray People's Liberation Front, which has been fighting the Ethiopian government for more than a decade.



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AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY

AND SACOW(SURGICAL AID FOR CHILDREN OF THE WORLD)

March 7, 1986

Agreement Between Addis Ababa University  
and SACOW (Surgical Aid for Children of the World)

According to mutual previous contacts and discussions, the Gondar College of Medical Sciences agrees to a formal relationship with SACOW, a non-denominational medical aid organization with programs in many Third World countries. This relationship will extend for a period of two years subject to evaluation within the first year. During this time, there will be one SACOW physician in residence, on a rotating basis, at the Gondar College of Medical Sciences. In addition, 12 medical specialists will be supplied by SACOW and they will work in Addis or Gondar as decided by the University.

They will participate in research projects in conjunction with their Ethiopian counterparts, as conceived by the College and/or guest scholars. Moreover, the scholars will involve in developing and supporting the following areas:

1. Strengthening research capability and infrastructure
2. Maternal/Child Health and Nutrition
3. Paramedic Training
4. Out-patient department organization and physical plant renovation
5. SACOW shall provide advice to the College pharmacy in producing formulary medications particularly intravenous fluids
6. Community health outreach involving medical student training at peripheral health care facilities
7. Possibility exists that one or two senior physicians selected by the University and SACOW jointly can be invited back to the United States as medical observers for various periods of time.

The activities are seen as complementary to the program and support currently provided by the University. In addition, the SACOW scholars may also be utilized as guest lecturers when requested by the medical faculty.

Moreover, AAU will purchase a four-wheel vehicle (Toyota Land Cruiser) for use by the SACOW personnel during their stay in Gondar with funds donated by SACOW. This vehicle will be donated to Gondar College of Medical Sciences with the understanding that the use of this vehicle shall be only for the use of SACOW personnel as long as this agreement lasts.

On their part, the Gondar College of Medical Sciences agrees to provide suitable housing for the visiting SACOW health workers, including cooking and washing support.



In addition the Addis Ababa University will expedite residence permits, travelling papers, and other immigration formalities, as well as transport within the country.

There will be a mutual re-evaluation of the program at some time during the first year.

It is anticipated that this relationship will be mutually rewarding and enjoyable.

Dr. Aregay Waktola  
on behalf of AAU

*Aregay Waktola*



Zein Ahmed  
Associate Dean on behalf of  
Gondar College of Medical Sciences

*Zein Ahmed*

Dr. Burton Bronsther  
on behalf of SACOW

*Burton Bronsther*

## ETHIOPIAN JEWRY UPDATE

Report prepared by  
Mace Levin

March 9th, 1986

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March 7, 1986

TO: Gondar College of Medical Sciences

FROM: SACOW

Recognizing that our faculty are donating their services free of charge and staying away from their friends and families for a five week period, we ask for the commitment on the part of the Medical School to provide:

1. An adequate apartment located nearby the Hospital. The one presently furnished is totally adequate.
2. Furnish and install necessary equipment to make stove now in apartment suitable for use.
3. Supply and install necessary equipment to:
  - a. Provide an adequate supply of hot water for shower and sink.
  - b. Increase water pressure if possible.
  - c. Screen all windows.
  - d. Provide electrical outlet on wall of living room.
  - e. Provide reading lamps for living room and bedrooms.
  - f. New and adequate toilet bowl.
  - g. Provide a curtain for the shower.
  - h. Provide mirrors for the bathroom and both bedrooms.
  - i. Have two twin beds in each bedroom with mattresses, etc.
  - j. Provide adequate fabric plus more comfortable and better looking chairs.
4. Provide adequate sheets, mattress covers, blankets, pillows and pillow cases, and towels and washcloths to allow for spare sets.
5. The School will locate and pay a woman to provide the following services:
  - a. Cleaning
  - b. Shopping for food
  - c. Cooking
  - d. Laundry and ironing
6. Provide a bookshelf to hold radio, tapes, books and magazines.
7. SACOW should provide music and video tape facilities plus library

1. Mission was very successful and by the end of the trip, everything seemed to fall into place. To our surprise, we even began to be treated like VIP's.

2. New Contract

A. REASONS THINGS WENT WELL:

- 1) Relatively good past relations with previous medical personnel.
- 2) Ed Billowitz, and the type of person that he is, built their confidence in us and our program.
- 3) The high caliber of our two present personnel and their caring way of performing their job. They know no time clock; they never lose their cheerfulness; although they have been there less than one week, they are totally at home with everyone including knowing all their patients and their illnesses.
- 4) The basic concept of SACOW as so ably represented and explained by Dr. Burt Brousther, and by his wife, Ellen, excited the top personnel at both medical schools in Gondar and in Addis.
- 5) The University began to realize what a really great deal we were offering them.
- 6) Our programs were tailor-made to meet their specific needs.
- 7) Many of their people were educated in the States and all respected American medicine and truly liked American people.
- 8) The knowledge of how helpful the U.S. and the American people were, and continue to be, during the famine.

B. REASONS THINGS ALMOST WENT BADLY:

- 1) The political reality of life with Ethiopia as part of the Russian orbit and their viewing the United States as the enemy.
- 2) The feeling that all Americans are CIA.
- 3) The very deep personal concern for their own safety by all Ethiopian people, particularly top university personnel. They are very fearful that a failure in this program could cost them their jobs and much more-- i.e. their personal safety.
- 4) By the nature of their bureaucracy, they want to procrastinate on any decision and would normally have taken many more months to complete this contact.
- 5) The poverty of the university makes it very difficult for them to fund even small parts of the program that we asked them to assume.

WHAT ARE THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF THE CONTRACT?

1. We will furnish MD's qualified in clinical medicine on a 12 month basis (each for one to three months) to work in the outlying areas of Gondar. These doctors will also be involved with the hospital and the medical school in occasional roles of teaching, research and patient rounds.



2. We will furnish Medical Specialists as requested by the University to work within their areas of expertise at whichever medical center specified. These will be typical SACOW high-level MD specialist and also highly qualified people in other specialties such as nursing, lab technicians, therapy, pharmacology, etc. This will also cover a 12 month span, but will be delayed due to the need of recruiting the right people. Ethiopia is to furnish Dr. Brousther a list of the type of people wanted and when wanted. If personnel are requested to aid in the Medical School ACCREDITATION programs, we must be given notice in advance and these people will be counted against the 12 specialist.

WHAT TYPE OF PEOPLE SHOULD BE SENT TO GONDAR:

1. They must be well-qualified medically and Board-Certified or eligible. (We should have a doctor on selection panel.)
2. They must have a background in clinical medicine or emergency room, should be GP's, Internal Medicine or Pediatricians, for the most part.
3. They must be highly-disciplined and able to control their impulses and their emotions. They must be mature and know how to use good judgment and discretion.
4. They must have outstanding bedside manners, be truly caring, not easily upset if things go wrong and able to work under very difficult conditions.
5. They (and their wives, if along) can not be luxury-oriented. We should encourage wives, but not children. The wife must be part of the selection process and briefing.
6. They must be well-organized.
7. They should be the type of person who can put up with the many inconveniences of the country and of our program.
8. They must stay for at least one month plus travel time. We should plan on a two day orientation time in Addis at the beginning and a one day shopping day in Addis at the end.
9. They must be able to understand we are working under the rules of a different country, a different form of government and a different hospital than we are accustomed to having. Under absolutely no circumstance, shall we send anyone who can be a problem as that will very, very quickly endanger the program, the relationship between our two countries and possibly even the lives of the staff personnel in Ethiopia and are backing the program. We must double our present efforts at screening and must also include not only a medical screener but also an additional person to check other qualifications. I would recommend that either Dr. Ed Dugowitz or myself be used in addition, of course, to Glenn. At a later date, Glenn would select alternatives for the above.

WHERE CLINICS WILL BE HELD AND OTHER DETAILS:

1. Present plans call for clinics at Kalo Dibo, Teda on a regular basis, more distant locations on an occasional basis.
2. Clinics will be visited together with a medical student and/or a hospital doctor.
3. Driver will normally be furnished by the hospital.
4. At all times, we have to be careful of our relations with all hospital, medical school and university personnel and also the German doctors. Also let others initiate any relationship--professionally and personally.

SECURITY:

1. Our people will find it very difficult to work and live under a situation of the potential of constantly being observed and monitored. They must learn to be security-conscious, should talk out of doors, or if inside with music on loudly and then in a soft voice in a guarded way. There is no doubt that our actions, our conversations, our written words and our telephone calls are all being monitored.
2. This trip should have put to rest the masquerade of pretending to be Christian if our volunteer is Jewish. Dr. Brousther and I made it clear many times in many ways to many people, that SACOW is not a Jewish organization. We also stressed the combined projects and support from Christian organizations. Once we had said that often enough, we pointed out that many American doctors are Jewish, that Jews do care about their fellow human beings, and by the law of averages, we will have a considerable number of Jews among our volunteers. The inability of pretending otherwise became obvious when we realized the number of key Ethiopian personnel who had training in the States and particularly in NYC. I do not suggest that any Jewish person flaunt their religion with "Chais" or "Star of Davids." Visits to Falashan villages are OK as long as we have permission of Dr. Zein, do not hand out money (OK to buy lots of gift with no bargaining) and be very discrete in our conversations with Falashas.

3. Particularly bad security situations:

- a) NTO personnel including drivers

Party leaders who operate both within and outside of normal leadership. For example, the Dean of the medical school of Gondar, Dr. ~~Zein~~, also serves as the Communist Party Leader for the province. ~~He is also~~

- c) Major and even smaller hotels

- d) Taxi drivers

- e) Telephones



4. We should immediately move the Washington SACOW office. A telephone answering service plus P.O. Box might do.

5. RELATIONSHIP WITH RICH HOGES:

a) Not everyone should be given his name. On those occasions where his name is given, Rich should be notified in advance, only by diplomatic pouch and always in a plain envelope with no writing or printing on the outside except his name.

b) Rich has his own agenda and should be left alone for the most part. I respect and admire what he is doing.

c) He should be covered with copies of pertinent correspondence (always as noted through the unmarked envelope and the diplomatic pouch). He has a right and need to know what we are doing and he does want to know.

VEHICLE

1. A lot of frustrating time was spent trying to arrange for the purchase and delivery of the Toyota. We needed a party to whom it could be delivered that could legally avoid the tax, as well as one who would help us on the filing of papers, etc. The university fit all the requirements and finally consented through Dr. Areguy to handle it for us. It will be purchased either from Toyota Merrill in Djabioudi or Toyota Moen in Addis. The price will be in the neighborhood of \$17,000 to \$18 M and we are to telex the money when requested. Our contract protects our rights of usage. We are ordering the correct vehicle as agreed upon by the Gondar school, others and myself. We are also to order some spare parts.

VISAS

All new visas should be issued for either business or visiting scholars. Also we should be dealing with the university and not with NTO (trouble, trouble, trouble). The Ethiopian Embassy has been notified to proceed as fast as we procure personnel by the Minister of Foreign Affairs who phoned Washington while we were in his office

LETTERHEADS AND CALLING CARDS AND SACOW FOLDERS

1. New letterheads with new addresses should be ordered if we change..

2. Calling or business cards should be ordered with no imprinted name, but with a space to write in names and should be furnished to overseas personnel. More would also like a few.

3. SACOW PR Folder is in need of update. (I believe Dr. Brousther is taking care of this.)

## SOCIAL LIFE

1. Social life will be very limited and personnel should be aware of this in advance.
2. A good quality ~~relatively~~ safe for eating and modestly priced in Addis is the Castelli. Another excellent Italian restaurant is La Mamas, but it has no sign and is hard to find.
3. Dr. Zein has insisted that, at least at the beginning personnel in Gondar observe the following rules:
  - a) No evening socializing, particularly in our apartment with students
  - b) Get his approval for any visits to villages or outside Gondar (approval will be readily forthcoming).
  - c) Do not invite a lot of people in to see video movies (if any doubt, please discuss with Dr. Zein).
  - d) Relaxing of above rules will gradually occur as program matures.
  - e) Knowing the need of a social life, a cassette radio/combination and a VCR and TV monitor and some movies will be furnished by SACOW. It is further suggested that each new visitor take over a small supply of books, magazines, etc. (The latest Sunday NY Times, Newsweek or Time will also be appreciated.) that they should plan to leave for others. Also, they might bring a few of their favorite cassettes and plan to take them home when they leave.
  - f) Since most personnel will want to visit Falasha villages, I recommend that each person bring one or more collapsible bags to carry over empty and able to carry his or her purchases on the way home. They also should bring a very plentiful supply of bubble plastic wrap, some scotch tape and a small amount of light weight twine. Afterall, in addition to being medical personnel, we are tourists and should come prepared.
  - g) A worthwhile visit is to both the Main Market and the Spice Market in Addis. Have your cab driver accompany you to carry your packages and to shoo off the many "hanger ons." Also avoid people who take you over and want to take you to a favorite vendor. You must bargain. Be heartless and walk away after you make a ridiculously low offer which they will refuse. They will follow after you and will usually ultimately accept your offer. Try to get a receipt. The markets are worth seeing even if you buy nothing. There is also one store that has some potential named                     . The Handicraft Center is not worthwhile.
  - h) We should continue to warn people of the potential of diarrhea, particularly from water, ice cubes, vegetables and unpeeled fruit. The bottle water, the Coca Cola when available and the local wines (really pretty good) are safe. Be sure everyone has a supply of Pepto Bismol tablets. We had no use for canteens, but the doctors might. We also had no need of all the drug store supplies and the list should be checked with a returning doctor.



### CAMERAS

Bring your favorite camera with a plentiful supply of film (at least 5 or 6 rolls of 36 exposures). If you plan to give talks, slides might be preferable. Foil protection bags to prevent X-Ray machine damage can be obtained at a camera store. Film is really scarce in Ethiopia.

There are areas where picture taking is forbidden and they mean it. My wife and I were detained for a few minutes by security personnel for taking pictures at the Spice Market. Airports and military installations are also non-subjects for picture taking.

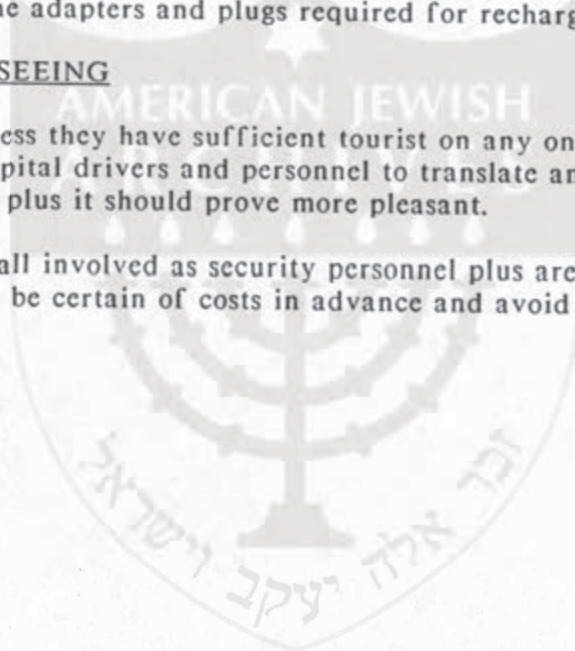
Unless some one is addicted to a Polaroid, I do not recommend it. If you take a child's picture and give it to him, you will be eternally surrounded by hundreds of clamouring, screaming children.

The use of a portable video recorder is possible. Be certain you have sufficient tape and the adapters and plugs required for recharging.

### TOWNS AND SIGHTSEEING

NTO is expensive unless they have sufficient tourist on any one trip. Try to get University or Hospital drivers and personnel to translate and explain. It will be a dollar saver plus it should prove more pleasant.

NTO cab drivers are all involved as security personnel plus are expensive. Be careful what you say, be certain of costs in advance and avoid these use when you can.



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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Thank you for your very kind letter regarding my work on  
funding for refugee resettlement in Israel.

This work is so important, and particularly at this time  
when Israel is absorbing the many Ethiopian Jews whose rescue  
began just over a year ago. It is an extraordinary faith and  
perseverance that brought them home to Israel. I hope that our  
small contribution can help ease their way into a new life.

Sincerely,

*Mike Barnes*  
Michael D. Barnes

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*no further*



November 12, 1985

Mr. Barry M. Lutz  
Director of Education  
Temple Ahavat Shalom  
18200 Rinaldi Place  
Northridge, CA 91326

Dear Mr. Lutz:

I've just returned from the Biennial of the UAHC in Los Angeles. It was a very exciting time for all who attended and according to all reports, one of the finest conventions in history of the UAHC.

Your letter of October 29th and the contribution of \$180.00 from your religious school students awaited me on my return. I was deeply gratified by this wonderful gift from your students. Please express to one and all of them the heartfelt gratitude of all of us of the UAHC for their support of our Ethiopian Relief Project. Their contribution will be exceedingly helpful in this critical area of outreach to those who suffer from great hunger and deprivation.

With repeated thanks and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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October 29, 1985

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
UAHC Ethiopia Relief  
838 5th Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

The crisis in Ethiopia is a continuing concern of our students. I hope this check for \$180.00 can be put to good use in helping solve this horrible problem. Our students have recognized their responsibility to all people in need of help. This money, raised by them, represents their hope of reaching out and helping those less fortunate than themselves.

Thank you for your important efforts in this cause.

b'Shalom,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Barry M. Lutz', is written over the typed name and title.  
Barry M. Lutz  
Director of Education

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Encl. (check \$180.00)

*gave check to AL.V*

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August 14, 1985

Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens  
Administrative Secretary  
CCAR  
21 East 40th Street  
New York, New York 10016

Dear Elliot:

Thank you for sending us two resolutions, the first on Ethiopian Jewry & World Hunger, the second on World Hunger which were passed at the Minneapolis Convention of the CCAR. You elicit our response, I don't know exactly what that means. Needless to say, they are in harmony with the positions taken by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at its conventions and as you know, we have acted on them in a not insignificant manner.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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August 8, 1985

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
838 Fifth Ave.  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

I enclose the text of resolutions adopted at the annual national convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, held this year in June in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I believe the subject will be of interest to you, and welcome your response. We intend to share responses to our resolutions with our membership.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens  
Administrative Secretary

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ETHIOPIAN JEWRY & WORLD HUNGER

(Adopted at the 96th Annual Convention of the Central Conference  
of American Rabbis, June 24-27, 1985, Minneapolis, Minnesota)

WHEREAS "Operation Moses" has served to heighten our awareness of the dire situation of our Ethiopian co-religionists remaining in Ethiopia and in refugee areas, and

WHEREAS even before the establishment of the State of Israel, the Jewish people's priority has been to return Diaspora Jews in peril to the Jewish homeland,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CCAR urges its members, UAHC constituent congregations, and all other Jewish organizations to continue to support all rescue efforts aimed at saving these Jews from starvation and persecution by bringing them to Israel. These efforts include the Joint Distribution Committee's food station at Gondar Province and the mitzvah projects of the UAHC and the congregational or family reunification program of the AAEJ. We further urge all congregations and Jewish organizations to give priority to this effort in the coming months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we look to Israel to continue to facilitate its urgent and noble rescue of all Ethiopian Jews. We commend Israel, Prime Minister Peres, and former Prime Minister Begin for their efforts to fulfill the mitzvah of "redeeming captives," a matter of tzedakah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge support of the long and difficult task of resettlement and acculturation of this "saving remnant."



WORLD HUNGER

(Adopted at the 96th Annual Convention of the Central Conference  
of American Rabbis, June 24-27, 1985, Minneapolis, Minnesota)

WHEREAS The stark tragedy of starvation and death that has plagued our world, and especially, in recent months, the victims of drought in North African nations, has appalled and grieved us, and

WHEREAS we are cognizant of this desperate situation,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we commend the outstanding work of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Social Action Commission of the UAHC and the CCAR, the Joint Distribution Committee, and the State of Israel in seeking to ameliorate the suffering of all Ethiopians, and particularly that of Ethiopian Jews.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CCAR pledge its continued support of those agencies and institutions that seek to eliminate hunger and want throughout the world. We further pledge to encourage the use of the resources of our congregations for preservation of life, and the distribution of stored grain and other foodstuffs available in our country and in other more affluent nations to the impoverished peoples of North Africa.





*Elke*

August 12, 1985

Mr. Harry H. Hirschl  
Post Office Box 2452  
W. Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Mr. Hirschl:

I agree with you fully and I have voiced a protest very much like yours and on the highest level of the Israeli Government. I'm glad you chose to do the very same thing.

The Israeli rabbinate has already modified its views slightly. Hopefully, they will go even further.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

for Joyce  
Harry H. Hirschl  
P. O. Box 2452, 106 Black Hawk Lane  
West Lafayette, Indiana 47906

5 August 1985

To: Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
President, UAHC

Today's Wall Street Journal carried  
this sentence on page one: "Ethiopian  
Jews battled Israeli police over  
demands that the Falashas officially  
convert to Judaism under the Israeli  
rabbinate policy, authorities said."

I find this conflict totally unjust.  
Our Ethiopian brothers should not  
be persecuted in Israel, after  
their persecution in Ethiopia! What  
a disgrace for Jewish everywhere.  
I have written to the Israel consulate  
in Chicago protesting this behavior.  
I hope you can exert your influence  
to stop it also.

H H Hirschl  
Temple Israel  
West Lafayette, Ind



*Alshofsky*

August 12, 1985

Mrs. Eve Marcus  
35 Parkwood Drive  
Kingston, RI 02881

Dear Mrs. Marcus:

Your letter of August 3 was received by the office of the National Federation of Temple Brotherwoods and they were kind enough to share it with me. I write to express my appreciation to you for taking the time to write and commend my comments in regard to what is transpiring with Ethiopian Jews in Israel. I am grateful for your having done so.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Tom

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Saturday, August 3

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to state my agreement with Rabbi Schindler, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who spoke out against requiring the Ethiopian Jews to undergo a religious conversion rite before they marry. It might well be the rite of complete male circumcision. After witnessing a circumcision performed well, by a competent surgeon, I felt that it was time to look into the function of the foreskin. I realize that its removal is

healthful and symbolic.

However, we are in a new, important medical era. also, these Jewish Ethiopians probably have a lot to teach us about their life and ways.

As a first generation American, whose parents escaped from Nazi Germany, I feel compelled to voice my concern.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Eve Marcus  
35 Parkwood Drive  
Kingston, R.I.

02881



*Elkowitz*

July 5, 1985

David Schwartz, Chairperson  
Confirmation Class Tzedakah  
510 East Olmos Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78212

Dear David:

Rabbi Feinstein was kind enough to forward the wonderful contribution to the UAHC Project REAP from the Beth-El Confirmation Class. We are very grateful to you and your classmates for this act of loving kindness and we are also pleased to know that this year's Tzedakah collection has been shared equally by Project REAP and Operation Moses.

All of us of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations express deepest appreciation to the entire Confirmation Class of 1985 for sharing their tangible gift of funds, which also represents their concern and love, with those less fortunate souls who will be sustained by REAP as well as Operation Moses.

With gratitude and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Morley T. Feinstein





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MORLEY T. FEINSTEIN, M.A.H.L., M.A.H.E.  
Associate Rabbi

July 1, 1985

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

On behalf of the Confirmation Class of Temple Beth-El, we are enclosing \$177.50 for the UAHC Project REAP.

This year we studied a great deal about gemilut hasadim and tzedakah, and the amount raised represents half of our total collection. The other half went directly for Operation Moses.

Thank you for all you are doing in the name of the Reform movement to help the suffering masses in Ethiopia.

נ/ב'ב'נ

Shalom,

*Morley*  
Morley T. Feinstein  
Rabbi

cc: Mr. Alan Bayer, Executive Director  
Jewish Federation of San Antonio

David Schwartz, Confirmation Class  
Tzedakah Chairperson  
510 East Olmos Drive  
San Antonio, Texas 78212



Rabbi Stanley Miles  
458-4739



4220 Taylorsville Road  
Louisville, Ky. 40220

June 17, 1985

*Left  
Gordon - 7/1/85*

Ms Edith J. Miller,  
Assistant to the President  
UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Ms Miller:

Thank you so much for the return of the check from our Religious School meant for "Operation Moses" Appreciate your sending the information on this and your kind letter. Sorry to have made extra work for you.

We do not have a paid secretary at our Temple, also, the Religious School does not have a bank account. Therefore, various matters for the Congregation are taken care of by members. The Zedakah Funds are deposited in the Gift Shop Account and when the distribution is made, the Principal sends me the list of those to whom the students wish contributions made. I am very much UAHC oriented, and knowing it has a fund for Ethiopian Relief, without thinking, send the check for "Operation Moses" on to New York.

A nice portion of the Zedakah was sent to the Reform Jewish Appeal. A check was also sent for the Leo Baeck School.

With best wishes, and again many thanks

Sincerely,

*Agnes Rose Fleischaker*  
Mrs. Gordon Fleischaker



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*I need an Answer by Tues.*  
*I recommend we both*  
*sign on as requested*

WASHINGTON OFFICE:  
122 C St., N.W.  
Suite 300  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
(202) 783-7501

Washington, DC  
June 12, 1985

*OK* *CALL* ✓

Rabbi David Saperstein  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
2027 Mass. Ave., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear David:

Following from our phone conversation of a few moments ago, I enclose a religious leaders statement on immigration reform. Rev. Dr. Arie Brouwer, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, and Bishop Philip Cousin, our President, will be on it. Also, the Migration and Refugee Services office of the U.S. Catholic Conference has approved it and they are in the process of getting the agreement of Msgr. Hoye and Bishop Malone.

I am also running it by the National Association of Evangelicals, just in case they could join.

We are trying to get this out as early as possible next week.

I'll let you know as soon as I get the approval from the USCC leadership. In the meantime, I would appreciate it if you could take a look at it with a view to having you and/or others of your leadership join it (is Rabbi Schindler the person?).

Thanks.

Regards,

J. Michael Myers  
Washington Representative



STATEMENT OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

The Congress and the nation have re-initiated consideration of legislative changes to our immigration laws and policies. This is an important task, and should be addressed thoughtfully and with a keen sense of justice and fairness. The manner in which the coming debate is approached can be seen as a test of the ideals and traditions which are our country's proud foundation. Our attitudes toward all marginalized persons within our communities can be considered on trial.

The historic volatility of this issue has been exacerbated in the recent past by those who would seek to create divisions within our society between races, classes, and cultures. The utmost caution and discretion must be exercised by those organizations and individuals involved in the debate to guard against this possibility and to minimize the potential for backlash against the foreign-born.

An essential component of immigration reform is the regularization of the status of those without valid immigration documents who have been productive residents of this country. It should be emphasized that the fates of some three to six million people are at issue many of whom have already been well integrated into our society. Massive deportation is not an option, either practically or morally. Nor is an option the perpetuation of an undocumented subclass subject to exploitation. The degree of exploitation of undocumented workers which we have witnessed and the effects that the continued presence of a large number of undocumented persons have on U.S. society have led us to conclude that a legalization program--and a comprehensive one--is the avenue upon which we should be travelling.

It should be recognized that such a proposition is not only humanitarian, but is also a matter of proper self-interest. This population should be removed from the shadows of undocumented status and placed under the protection and rule of law. Such a step should and must take place without precondition and in a manner which encourages the fullest possible participation on the part of qualified individuals.

Proposals to better manage immigration flows must be part of any reform effort. In considering such proposals, attention should be focussed not only upon enforcement, but also on the effects which they may have upon the rights of the citizenry and others resident in the U.S. If the Congress should enact penalties against employers who hire undocumented workers, it is our firm belief that there exists a concurrent responsibility to enact mechanisms for redress of discrimination which may flow from the proposal. If the Congress should provide additional

immigration enforcement authority and resources to the federal government, it should also delineate clearly the purposes and limits of such authority to guard against abuse.

Family reunion has appropriately been the cornerstone of our immigration laws and policies since their beginning, and family unity remains an important religious principle and American tradition. This should continue to be reflected in our immigration laws, and the current reform effort should maintain this family emphasis.

In considering proposals to bring in additional temporary laborers into the United States, the Congress should also carefully consider the potential for abuse of such labor, and the possible effects such a program may have on working conditions, the domestic labor market, and other such factors.

While refugee admission and asylum are issues appropriately independent of the reform debate, the Congress should give high priority to measures currently pending before it which appropriately address the presence in the U.S. of certain nationals of Haiti, Cuba, and El Salvador.\*

Finally, there is a special role within the context of the immigration debate for the religious community to promote tolerance among all peoples. We encourage religious bodies throughout the country to commit with us to endeavor to be people of vision where insight is needed, to heal where there is division and hurt, and ever to be faithful stewards of our religious traditions and beliefs.

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\*See H.R. 23 (Cuban-Haitian Adjustment Act) and S.377 and H.R.822 on Salvadorans.



June 17, 1985

The Religious Schools Students  
c/o Mrs. Ellen Tutsch, Principal  
Nassau Community Temple Beth El  
Religious School  
240 Hempstead Avenue  
West Hempstead, New York 11552

Dear Students:

It was very meaningful to receive your beautiful contribution to Project REAP. We are grateful to you for sharing a portion of your Karen Ami Funds with the Ethiopian Jewish community who have been suffering from hunger and deprivation. Many, many thanks to all of you for your thoughtful and generous gift.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

*Check + Letter  
to RH*

May 30, 1985

Ms. Agnes Rose Fleischaker  
Temple Shalom Religious School  
4220 Taylorsville Road  
Louisville, KY 40220

Dear Ms. Fleischaker:

It was wonderful to learn that the students of the Temple Shalom Religious School voted to make a charitable contribution to the cause of Ethiopian Jewry. However, "Operation Moses" is not one of the UAHC's Ethiopian projects, it is the undertaking of the United Jewish Appeal for the resettlement of Ethiopian Jews. The UAHC has an Ethiopian Jewish Project REAP and also a special fund for all victims of the famine, Jew and non-Jew alike.

Be that as it may, since your check is made out to Operation Moses I am returning it to you so that it can be directed to the UJA in Louisville so that your community receives credit.

All of the noted causes are most worthy and it is good to know that your students have undertaken the mitzvah of Tzedakah.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller  
Assistant to the President

Encl.



Rabbi Stanley Miles  
458-4739



4220 Taylorsville Road  
Louisville, Ky. 40220

May 24, 1985

TO:

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

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$18.00 the 1985 contribution from the Temple Shalom Religious School. At the final assembly for 1984-85 the students indicated that you were one of those with whom they wished their Zedakah (Charity), brought during the year, to be shared.

Sincerely,

*Agnes Rose Fleischaker*  
Mrs. Gordon Fleischaker

for

TEMPLE SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

May 28, 1985

Rabbi Bernard P. King  
Shir Ha-Ma'alot  
Harbor Reform Temple  
2100 A Mar Vista  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Dear Bernie:

Thank you so much for your generous check to the Ethiopian Relief Project. I'm exceedingly grateful for this evidence of your care and I hope that you will relay my admiration to the members of your confirmation class. They ought to know that these tent cities have been the most successful relief effort in all of Ethiopia and the government there - even though it is at odds with Israel - has been urging Abie Nathan to build more such camps. He is presently working on the third camp. Your young people, therefore, have the assurance that this is a project which is exceedingly effective and that their tzedakah monies are well spent.

The fund raising project and play is altogether admirable. Thank you for informing me concerning that too.

Warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Ruth Harrison

Ruth, Rabbi King sent a chekc for \$4,000.-





**Shir Ha-Ma'alot  
Harbor Reform Temple**

2100-A Mar Vista

Newport Beach, California 92660

Bernard P. King, Rabbi

714-644-7203

May 24, 1985

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

Dear Alex,

Each year our confirmation class undertakes a tzedakah project. This year's class raised \$4,000.00 for Abie Nathan's tent city in Ethiopia. It is a joy to forward this check to you.


The primary vehicle for raising the funds was a concert by a unique group of musically talented mentally retarded adults called "The Hi Hopes." I have enclosed a few copies of the program of that event for your consideration. "The Hi Hopes" are a very powerful experience, and I would recommend them for some future U.A.H.C. event. Let me know if you need further information regarding them.

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Bernard

Rabbi Bernard P. King

BPK/rw  
Encs.

From our

June  bulletin



## LIBRARY LINES

Thank you to Linda Davis who has helped us by typing book cards for the Library.

### NEW BOOKS:

Heller, Joseph. God Knows The "autobiography" of King David. In this novel, he talks of his many wives, his troubled relationships with his sons, his difficulties with his in-laws (especially Saul), his battlefield triumphs, and the reasons he's waiting for an apology from God.

Libo, Kenneth and Irving Howe. We Lived There Too. Using excerpts from unpublished diaries, memoirs and letters, plus selections from contemporary newspaper articles and illustrations, the editors present a portrait of life for those Jews who were a part of the American migrations west for 1630 to 1930.

Birmingham, Stephen. The Rest of Us: The Rise of America's Eastern European Jews In this companion volume to Our Crowd and The Grantees, Birmingham writes about the East Side to the manicured lawns of Scarsdale and Beverly Hills.

Marianne Yesk  
Librarian

## AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KIDS

JEFF DORMAN - Elected President of Senior Class  
Newport Harbor High School

JEFF GLUECK - Elected President of Junior Class  
Newport Harbor High School

ANDY & MOLLY MOUND - On there participation in the AFS Program  
this Summer

BRYAN COOPER & DEANNE JACOBS - Appeared on the Ahmanson Stage

### The MAY BAT MITZVAH of

RACHEL ESPANA was observed on the 4th when Rachel spoke about "The Right Mitzvah." She followed through on this theme by raising money for Ethiopian famine relief and contributed all funds to our Confirmation Class project for the same mitzvah.

## CONGRATULATIONS! CONFIRMATION CLASS OF '85

The HI HOPES concert of May 5, 1985 produced by the confirmation class, under the tutelage of Myra Sosin and Rabbi King, was a smash: both as an experience and as a fund-raiser to support the building of tent cities in Ethiopia by Abie Nathan of Israel.

The HI HOPES is a group of gifted mentally retarded people, who, with their music and liveliness, can change a sober gathering into a joyous, thumping SIMCHA. HOW DO THEY DO IT? What love and depth does it take to perceive that these people can do so much with their strength and drives?

Many here know this group. Again we were moved by the songs of Gloria Lenhoff who is perhaps better known to us at Shir Ha-Ma'alot than the other members. Others in the audience saw and heard the group that night for the first time.

Unforgettable, too, was the singing of Paul Kuehn. Blind, retarded, physically limited, the power of his music breaks through to everyone. Had we closed our eyes, we would not have seen his need to be led around and helped to grasp the microphone, to hold the drumsticks, to find the seat next to the drums. It would have made no difference to his impact on us. And he was helped by fellow band members also struggling to assert THEIR strengths despite some weaknesses. Paul sang "The Impossible Dream" and attained emotional heights beautifully promised in earlier songs. But with the climactic notes of "The Impossible Dream" he blew us away.

After the concert, the audience broke up and went for punch and cookies, milling around. Paul, the impossible dreamer sat on a chair alone with his thoughts. He must have heard the hubbub, but could not see any of us looking at him as he swayed back and forth. What was going on inside? I could not help thinking, "As one at fervent prayer." Whatever he was feeling, it was clearly very strong, and I was grateful to him for having sent us his strength through music.

Celia Sifry, incoming Board Member, who has volunteered to chair a committee to publish the MA'ALOT Bulletin, asked me to write a report of the concert. How is it possible to convey the feelings? I don't know, but Paul Kuehn's courage and drive to grasp the "Impossible Dream" fired me with enough CHUTSPAH to attempt this impossible assignment.

Well, anyhow, those who were there know what I'm trying to say.

Lou Fridhandler.

AS OF THIS WRITING, OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS RAISED A TOTAL OF

\* \* \* \$4,133.50 \* \* \*

CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE!!





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CONFIRMATION CLASS

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All funds to be donated to support the humanitarian efforts of Abie Nathan of Israel who is building tent cities in Ethiopia for the homeless and the hungry.

May 5, 1985





### HI HOPES (l. to r.)

Taken at Tallmantz Aviation, Inc., John Wayne Airport, Santa Ana, California  
(Seated) Richard Groves, Mikki Davis,  
Gloria Lenhoff, Gary Ahearn, Bill Ouderkerken, Doris E. Walker  
(Director), Jim Fitzjarrald, Paul Kuehn, Leroy Gould, Lori Reyes.

### HI HOPES

#### "Music With A Message"

Hi Hopes is a most unique musical group that has been heard by millions of people from every state, and many foreign countries, has appeared on TV and made records. After their first songs, few people ever think about this famous group as mentally retarded. They share their amazing and very individual talents unstintingly and a joyful, enthusiastic happening results as the audience becomes part of the show.

To listen to the Hi Hopes is to enter a very special world of enchantment and joy, a world of love and beauty, and perhaps a tear or two as you realize the tremendous odds these people have battled to become the personalities they are. Diagnosed as trainable mentally retarded, three of the nine members have been together for the eleven years the group has performed. A single-spaced typewritten list of their performances stretches over 40 feet. Hi Hopes started in Hope School (Anaheim Unified High School District's school for trainable mentally retarded). As students grew older, a non-profit corporation, Hi Hopes - Identity Discovery Foundation, was formed and Hope University named as an umbrella organization to continue the work and expand to help other handicapped discover their talents and profit from "whole person" development. Colleges will be formed under the University for this purpose in different locations, and UNICO NATIONAL COLLEGE for the gifted mentally retarded is the first one.

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Instructors: Rabbi Bernard P. King  
Mrs. Myra Sosin

(The Confirmation Class wishes to thank  
Mr. Mike Dorman of Cal-Mart Travel Service  
for the use of his office for their  
"Phonathon.")

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

May 28, 1985

Fred Cohen

This is for general Ethiopian Relief. Please dispense in the customary manner. Thanks.





✓  
May 1, 1985

Mr. Mark R. Jacobson  
Executive Director  
The Temple  
1589 Peachtree Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30367

Dear Mark:

We were very pleased to receive the gift of \$1,226.00 from The Temple for the UAHC Project REAP. This gracious gift from the families of The Temple will help us with our ongoing work to aid the Jews of Ethiopia. We are deeply grateful for your continued support and ask that you convey our appreciation to all who have contributed to this worthy cause.

We are delighted to know that you are continuing to solicit funds for this special project. Many thanks.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.

bc: Ruth Harrison

May 16, 1985

Mr. Irving Kessler  
United Israel Appeal  
515 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Irv:

Thank you so much for the information in regard to Ethiopian Jews and the Leo Baeck School. I am so grateful for your vigilance - all of us of the Reform Movement are. You are so right, we must be on our toes at all times.

With gratitude and fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



MEMORANDUM

May 14, 1985

TO: Rabbi Charles Kroloff, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler ✓  
FROM: Irving Kessler *IK*  
SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN JEWS

You will be interested to know that our Jerusalem office just completed an exchange of views regarding Ethiopian youth and the Leo Baeck School in Israel.

UJA had received information that Ethiopian youngsters were not to receive support if they elected to attend the Baeck School. I urged that strong protests be lodged with the Aliyah Department, citing the UJA resolution a few years ago regarding Religious Pluralism.

I have made it clear previously and reiterated that UJA would not permit discrimination between the various branches of Judaism, as Jewish Agency Departments had the occasion to choose between them.

You will be happy to learn that a telex arrived today which reads as follows:

"ARON INFORMED ME THAT ETHIOPIANS WILL GO TO SCHOOL AT LEO BAECK SCHOOL. REGARDS. KATZ."

It points to the fact that we must be ever vigilant. I would like to suggest that whatever contacts you have in Israel join with the office of the UJA in close scrutiny of the Ethiopian absorption, as well as other JAFI programs.

Regards.

cc: Rabbi E. Yoffie

*Eda -  
Thank you for  
his signature*

✓  
May 6, 1985

Mr. Roger Tilles  
7600 Jericho Turnpike  
Woodbury, NY 11797

Dear Roger:

Thank you for the additional checks of \$35.00 from members of Temple Beth-El of Great Neck. It is gratifying to receive this wonderful continuing response from your members.

Thank you, too, for letting me know that another mailing is going out in May in regard to our Ethiopian Relief Project. We are all deeply grateful.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Jerome K. Davidson

bc: Ruth Harrison



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May 3, 1985

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Union American Hebrew Congregations  
838 5th Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Enclosed please find additional checks from members of our congregation, Temple Beth-El of Great Neck in the amount of \$35.00. In addition to the previous checks that I have sent to you and the \$250.00 donated by our religious school, our Temple has now sent a total of \$3,182.00. As we receive additional monies, we will forward them to you.

With warmest personal regards,



Roger Tilles

RT:gg  
Encs.

cc: Rabbi Jerome Davidson  
Temple Beth-El of Great Neck

We are sending out a full  
Temple mailing in May on this and  
should have considerably more in June.



*Elberg*

April 1, 1985

Rabbi David M. Horowitz  
Temple Israel  
133 Merriman Road  
Akron, Ohio 44303

Dear David:

Just a note of appreciation to the families of Temple Israel. The gracious contributions which have been forwarded to our Ethiopian Relief Projects mean much to us all. These gifts bespeak the care and concern of your congregants for the downtrodden, the hungry, the homeless. For all of us of the Union I express heartfelt appreciation for your gift to this sacred humanitarian cause.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



April 1, 1985

Rabbi Jonathan A. Stein  
Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation  
6501 N. Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46260

Dear Jon:

Just a note of appreciation to the families of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. The gracious contributions which have been forwarded to our Ethiopian Relief Projects means much to us all. These gifts bespeak the care and concern of your congregants for the downtrodden, the hungry, the homeless. For all of us of the Union I express heartfelt appreciation for your gift to this sacred humanitarian cause.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



NORTHEAST LAKES COUNCIL / UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

CONFIDENTIAL

March 21, 1985

Dear Alex:

The last few days I have been with my CCAR colleagues at our Regional meeting in Pittsburgh. While there I was approached by Jon Stein of Indianapolis and David Horowitz of Akron.

Both asked that you or Al send them a personalized letter in response to the funds which they sent in for our Ethiopian projects. They both said that they would publish the letter in their temple bulletin, and they thought that it was important both for good relations with the Union, and to create a positive climate for future emergency efforts.

Both had received the small cards of acknowledgement, but felt they were inadequate for their purposes. Jon mentioned that his congregation had sent in \$6,000.

Alex, these two groups are strong supporters of the Union, and I think their good counsel should be heeded.

Be well, my friend.

As ever,

  
David S. Hachen  
Regional Rabbi

**Regional Rabbi:**

Dr. David S. Hachen  
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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
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Re: your Card. gift to  
Ethiopian Relief Fund -

Rabbi Harold Superstein taught me well,  
"I am my brother's keeper"

Sy Kainen

I assume  
we acknowledged  
SJK

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

March 18, 1985

Fred Cohen

Ruth Harrison

Enclosed herewith is a check for \$5.00 from Mark and Teri Albert of Coos Bay, Oregon. This is for our Ethiopian Relief Fund. It is from a group of children who brought Purim gifts to make this contribution.





March 18, 1985

Ms. Teri Albert  
1140 Lillian Creek Lane  
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Dear Ms. Albert:

I was deeply moved by the gift from the children of Coos Bay to our Ethiopian Relief Fund. Please express to them all my gratitude for their thoughtfulness. Sharing with those who are in need at the time of a festival such as Purim is very, very beautiful and all of us of the Union are grateful to the children.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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