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Maggie Goldberg Bar-Tura Central Shlicha

MEMORANDUM

Maggie Bar-Tura FROM:

TO: Rabbi Alexander Schindler

DATE: November 5, 1987

MERICAN JEWISH.

I'd like to bring you up to date on the happenings of Garin Arava and the results of the last Kinus. We attracted 24 participants in addition to the Shlichim and guests who included Debbie Schultz from ARZA and Michelle November. Approximately half of the participants are graduates of our long-term programs. All are actively exploring the possibilities of aliyah. The Garin accepted a new member, Zvi Sabin, a grad student at University of Wisconsin who is planning aliyah in the winter of 1989. A new candidate was also accepted Mona Klein, who is finishing her undergraduate work at Kent State this winter. The most exciting result of the Kinus was the establishment of a Reform Aliyah Movement to be known as Tamar (Tnuat Magshimim Reformim). My impression is that Tamar will attract people between the ages of 19-30. The goals of the movement are to facilitate the aliyah of Reform Jews by creating Garinim to Reform Settlements and to create Reform cooperative and communal frameworks for olim to cities. Recruitment for Garin Arava would continue and would be enhanced by the broader appeal of Tamar. Representatives of Garin Galil were guest at the Kinus and I foresee possibilties for participation of Garin Galil in Tamar. A temporary national mazkirut was established which includes representatives of Garin Arava and Garin Galil. The mazkir of Garin Arava will serve as national coordinator.

I am enclosing a copy of the proposed flyer for our next Kinus and hope you share our excitement and cautious optimism about the future of Tamar and Garin Arava.

MBT/dn

July 15, 1987 18 Tammuz 5747

Mr. Howard Creed Makkir, Garin Arava 838 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Howard:

Thank you for your letter of introduction. I am delighted to welcome you as the New Maskir of Garin Arava. I look forward to meeting you when you are on board full time. For now, let me wish you well in your new responsibilities. It is my fond hope you will find your work in behalf of the Garin to be bery meaningful and fulfilling.

Thank you, too, for sharing with me the copy of the Oconomowoc Platform. It is a fine statementtbut I do have a problem with section one on Aliyah. It is a bit strong and I would suggest that you consider changing the language from "must make Israel ---". We hope, we believe all Jews should make Israel Central too, but we really cannot be insistent on this matter. Other than that slight point it is a good statement.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



to the Reform Kibbutzim



קיבוצי התנוצה ל

July 9, 1987

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer. e introduce myself. My name is Howard Creed. I am the new Maskir of Garin Arava, replacing Gigi Strom. I am unofficially in and out of the UAHC office this summer and I will start full time in the fall. I am enclosing along with this letter a copy of the Oconomowoc Platform which the Garin penned at our recent June kinus at camp Olin-Sang Ruby. I apologise for the quality of the xeroxing, it was acting up today. The Platform is intended to be a statement of what the Garin stands for and believes in. As such, it was necesserily a compromise document and will probably undergo continuous revision. I would be interested to hear your opinion on this document.

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B'shalom How

Howard Creed Maskir, Garin Arava

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THE OCONOMOWOC PLATFORM

I) ALIYA:

All Jews must make Israel central in their lives, viewing aliya as the highest form of Zionist fulfillment and a viable option for themselves as individuals. We therefore will encourage aliya from both free and oppressed nations, and expect all Jews to support Israel actively through visits, education, financial contributions, and encouragement of aliya. Aliya from the World Union for Progressive Judaism and other similarly alligned movements is fundamental to the progressive Israeli society we envision.

II) Social and Economic Justice:

The vision of our prophets must be balanced with modern thought and critical evaluation in order to be the root and backdrop of the nation's soul. The values based on these visions include egalitarianism, religious pluralism, coexistence, and the centrality of community in our everyday lives. We will strive toward these values wherever we live, and work to make them the focus of the Jewish State.

III) Cultural Development:

We recognize the existence of different ethnic, racial, and religious groups within Israeli society, and foster the interests of each while maintaining equality among all, as long as these various creeds do not infringe upon the rights and beliefs of others.

Israel shall act as an open and viable platform for cultural and educational development for all the nation, its institutions on the breaking edge, its artists full of challenge and creativity.

IV) Ritual:

Our Judaism evolves through a process of practice based on study and confrontation of Jewish texts and traditions.

We support institutions of all branches of Judaism which further religious expression. No one of these branches has the exclusive right to determine the validity of other forms of Judaism.

Jewish belief is incompatible with belief in a Messiah already come.

V)NATION/RELIGION

Historically the Jewish people have been both a religion and the second second

February 20, 1986 11 Adar 1 5746

Jill Gronner, Mazkira Garin Arava - UAHC 838 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10021

Dear Jill:

Thank you for your letter of February 17 with an up-date on various Garin Arava activities. I've noted the dates for the Kinus in New York this June but even now I can tell you it is highly unlikely that I will be able to be with you. My calendar already has a number of commitments during the period of the Kinus.

In regard to the forthcoming Kinus at Camp Swig, I do hope you have been in touch with some of our West Coast UAHC leaders so that they might have an opportunity to share in your program. You might contact our regional directors, Rabbis Lennard Thal in Los Angeles and Morris Hershman in San Francisco, as well as Joseph Katiman, associate treasurer, of Los Angeles and Aaron Greenberg, president of the UAHC's Northern California Council. You can obtain their addresses from a UAHC Board Book. I note you have someone from ARZA speaking to the group, have you invited any ARZA leaders from the area to joon the Kinus for Shabbat? That might be a nice gesture.

With my warm good wishes and kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



February 17, 1986

Rabbi Alexander Schindler President, UAHC 838 Fifth Ave. 9th floor New York, NY 10021

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Another Garin Arava kinus is approaching and it is time once again to inform you of our growth and latest activities.

First of all, I would like to express again our deep appreciation for the time you took to be with us at our kinus in November. Your growing support of Garin Arava has had a profound impact on the mood of Garin Arava, and we are eagerly looking forward to the time when you can join us once again. (For your calendar, our next kinus in New York will take place from June 8th through June 16, 1986.)

The upcoming kinus will be held at Camp Swig from February 27th through March 2nd. In addition to our general discussions on Zionism, religious pluralism, political activism in and from the Arava, personal and technical aspects of making aliya, etc., we will be welcoming Mohammed Darawshi, on tour in the United States, to speak with us on Arab-Jewish coexistence and his experience as an Israeli Arab working within the Israeli system to affect awareness and change. Diane Marcus from ARZA will be speaking with us as well. Furthermore, a group of parents of past and present Garin Arava members from California will be joining us on Shabbat morning in discussion on aliya as it relates to us and our families.

Garin Arava founded a bayit in December that has proved to be very successful, and continues to be the epicentre of Garin Arava activity in New York. Two members, myself included, attended a meeting in Israel of North American garin representatives. We also participated in the kinus of Netzer Olami, where we developed a few very significant new ideas that are being presented at this time to ARZA and the World Union. Both meetings were highly successful, and we were able to come back with exciting new ideas for the garin.

I hope this finds you and your wife well. I hope to see you soon.

B'vracha,

Jill Gronner, mazkira

Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Ave, New York, NY 10021 (212) 249-0100 January 22, 1987 21 Tevet 5747

Ms. Gigi Strom, Mazkira Garin Arava 838 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10021

Dear Gigi:

As you and members of Carin Arava are about to gather for February's Kinus, I shall be departing for Israel where I will be attending some critical meetings of the Jewish Agency. One of the items on the J.A. agenda is the Reform Grant Request and I need not tell you how very important this matter is to our movement.

Since my presence at the Kinus is not possible, I take the means of this letter to extend my warm good wishes to each and every member of Garin Arava. It is my fond hope your kinus will be meaningful in every way and that the companionship and camaraderie will give a sense of strength and support to the members who will soon be making aliya, even as new members of the Garin are welcomed and begin to participate in the process of preparing for a new life in Israel. and on kibbutz.

The theme of the kinus is a fine one and I will be very interested in learning about your discussions:

With best wishes and warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

to the Reform Kibbutzin

איבוצי התנוצה איהדות מתקדבית

Jan. 15, 1987

Rabbi Alexander Schindler 838 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

It gives me great pleasure as mazkira of Garin Arava to announce our upcoming kinus, to be held Feb. 12-15 at Camp Swig in Saratoga, CA. If you are available to attend the kinus, we would be honored to have you present. The theme of the kinus is the nature of commitment: Why make commitments at all, and why to Israel and to kibbutz specifically?

All members of Shlav Shemesh, our largest shlav in several years, are now in Israel, beginning ulpan in Jerusalem with olim from Netzer in England and Australia. We will be paying close attention to how their year goes as we plan Sh'nat Klita for next year. This kinus will be very important to the future of the garin: Shlav Shemesh's aliya cut the number of our members in half, and four of the remaining eight members plan to make aliya this year. You could say we're being killed by our own success. We are not very worried, however; we have several strong candidates coming up for membership and interested new faces jioning us in February.

We always appreciate the support and assistance you and the entire UAHC givet the garin and the kibbutzim as we work to build up the Israeli Reform community.

B'shalom. Strom

cc: Maggie Bar-Tura

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One Page Fax

February 16, 1995 16 Adar 1 5755

Shalom Yahelniks:

It's difficult to comprehend that you will be celebrating the special simcha of Yahel's Chai anniversary this Shabbat! How I would love to be with you; alas I must remain in icy, windblown New York City - but my heart is with all of you.

I'll say a special prayer of thanks this Shabbat for bringing Yahel to this moment, for the fact that you have flourished and grown, that peace abides in your area and, that very soon a time of real and enduring peace in the middle east nay, throughout the world, will come to be.

May the beautiful promise of this marvelous Chai anniversary continue to be fulfilled in the days and year ahead, as Yahel grows from strength to ever greater strength.

Mazal tov and love and kisses to one and all.

Fondly

Edith J. Miller

Edith J. Miller Assistant to the President

P.S. Had a terrific meeting with Ron and am so pleased to have the Yahel video and the beautiful volume Desert's Edge. But best of all was seeing pictures of the beautiful, sparkling, happy faces of some of Yahel's best productsyour kids! One could eat them up - each and everyone.

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> October 24, 1994 19 Heshvan 5755

Lori Stark Kibbutz Yahel Doar Na Eilot 88850 Israel

Dear Lori:

As Rabbi Schindler is still in Israel, I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your fax and the copy of the letter to President and Mrs. Clinton. Isn't it amazing how great minds work - - as soon as I heard that the signing with Jordan was to take place in the Arava Valley, I suggested that it be at Yahel!

When I fax Alex in Israel, I will tell him of your letter and certainly indicate the invitation to stop by and visit Yahel. He will undoubtedly be attending the signing, but none of us have any idea of what Wednesday's schedule is.

I was glad to hear that it has been a good season and can almost taste the pomelos!

My fondest regards to you and Nancy and your families.

Fondly,

Edith J. Miller Assistant to the President

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October 23, 1994 י"ח בחשון תשנ"ה

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

Fax: 001-212-570-0895

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Shalom! Following this note please find a copy of a letter I sent today by fax to the White House. We'd be thrilled if there was any way to encourage any of the dignitaries who will be attending the ceremonies on Wednesday to stop by and visit Yahel. Of course, you personally are ALWAYS welcome...

Hope to see you soon and we thank you for your time!

Warm Regards, Lori Stark Kibbutz Yahel

P.S. Please relay warm regards to Edie from Nancy and I!

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KIBBUTZ YAHEL

UNITED HIBBUTZ MOVEMENT THE MOVEMENT FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM October 23, 1994

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President and Mrs. Bill Clinton The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton,

My name is Lori Stark and I am a dual American/Israeli citizen living in southern Israel, in the Arava Valley near Eilat - directly on the border with Jordan. My home is Kibbutz Yahel, one of ten kibbutzim in the southern Arava, and the first agricultural community to be established as a joint effort between the Israeli kibbutz movement, and the Reform Jewish Movement. We are a young kibbutz (almost 18 years old), committed to building a secure and financially independent community for ourselves and our children based on the ideology of kibbutz combined with the values of Reform Judaism.

Building our home inside the "green line" was an important factor in choosing the site for Yahel, and ironically, our fields (and primary means of livelihood) were an issue of negotiation in the peace talks. It is important for me to stress that while we waited with baited breath as to our future, the members of Kibbutz Yahel fully believe in and support the peace process - even if it meant personal sacrifices for us. We are not radicals or fanatics, but believe in compromise and reality.

I would like to take this opportunity, in the name of all the members of Kibbutz Yahel, to extend to you and your guests a personal invitation to visit our kibbutz at your convenience during your coming visit to the Middle East. We are located close to the new border crossing between Israel and Jordan, and since you will be "in the neighborhood" we would very much like to welcome you to our home. We'll be happy to show you around Israel's most unique society - kibbutz.

On a personal note, please accept a simple but sincere thank you for your role in ensuring a safe and real peace for the people of Israel. I cannot adequately express the feeling of joy and excitement that we feel when our neighbors from Jordan smile and wave to us from across the border. With peace on the horizon, our future and more importantly that of our children, couldn't be brighter.

Looking forward to welcoming you to our home!

Shalom, Lori Stark Kibbutz Yahel

cc: Rabbi Richard Hirsch, World Union for Progressive Judasim Rabbi Alexandler Schindler, Union of American Hebrew Congregations Rabbi David Saperstein, Religious Action Center, Washington, D.C.

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MEMORANDUM

Two Page Fax

November 28, 1994 25 KIslev 5755

From: Edie Miller

To: Lori Stark

Shalom - just a note to wish you and all of the Yahelniks a bright and happy Hanukkah. The sunset over the mountains sounds gorgeous..and it's nice to know of the Shalom's coming your way....alevay it lasts and becomes a for real peace all over the Middle East!

Love to all.





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

> November 28, 1994 25 Kislev 5755

Lori Stark Kibbutz Yahel Doar Na Eilot 88850 Israel

Dear Lori:

I was so pleased to receive your letter and to learn that the members of Kibbutz Yahel had honored Rabbi Steve Schafer during his recent visit to Israel. It was absolutely fitting to dedicate the weekend which began the celebration of your "Chai" birthday by honoring Steve and Nina and declaring them honorary life members of Kibbutz Yahel.

I am, of course, sharing all of this material with Aron Hirt-Manheimer for it should be noted in <u>Reform</u> <u>Judaism</u>. I will also send a copy to ARZA and Rabbi Allan Smith so that he and others of our Youth Division are aware of this wonderful tribute to Steve and Nina.

I hope all is well with you and wish you and your family and all of the members of Yahel a very happy Chanukah.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

MA'AYAN B'MIDBAR

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To: Rabbi Alex Schindler Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10021 - 7064 Fax Number:

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MESSAGE:

Shalom Edie,

Thanks for passing on the enclosed to Rabbi Schindler. And a second thank you for you last letter, I appreciated hearing from you! It's an amazing feeling to watch the sun set creating such a beautifully red view of the "Edom Mountains" and to know that they're no longer "enemy territory" but now we can view the kibbutz from the other side! The Jordanian soldiers no longer just drive by, but stop and wave and yell out "Shalom!' when we're in the fields!

Have a Wonderful Chanukkah!

Much love,

LORI STARK MA'AYAN B'MIDBAR

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November 27, 1994 כ"ד בכסלו תשנ"ה

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

Fax: 001-212-570-0895

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Shalom! During your recent visit to Yahel this past February, we discussed how the members of Kibbutz Yahel could show Rabbi Steve Schafer our support, gratitude and love. I'm happy to tell you that while Steve was in Israel in October, he and his son Zak spent a few days (including Shabbat) here. The members of Yahel decided to dedicate the weekend to beginning celebrations of our "Chai" birthday, in honoring Steve and Nina with "Honorary Life Membership."

We would be very grateful to you if you would see to it that the enclosed "Press Release" is passed on to the appropriate publication, preferably "Reform Judaism Magazine." Sue Fishkoff, their Israeli correspondent, was at Yahel last week and suggested that if "Reform Judaism" needs her input on the subject (or re-editing), she'd be happy to help. She also suggested the "Spotlight" section, mentioning the deadline for the next issue is only a few days away, on December 1st. If "Reform Judaism" can't publicize the article, perhaps it should be forwarded to Rabbi Ammi Hirsch, for publication in the ARZA Newsletter. (Please feel free to edit as necessary, good intentions don't necessarily make me a professional writer!)

We feel very strongly, as I'm sure you do, that the whole movement should be aware of the incredible work both Steve and Nina did for so many years, as well as our gratitude to them.

Thanks so much. I hope we'll be able to welcome you again soon to Yahel, please know that our home is always open to you and your family. With very best wishes for a <u>Happy Channukah from all of us!</u>

חג שמח!! Lori Stark

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PRESS RELEASE 1/12/94

KIBBUTZ YAHEL PRESENTS HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO RABBI STEPHEN AND NINA SCHAFER

Kibbutz Yahel, Israeli's first Reform kibbutz, opened official celebrations of it's "Chai" year by honoring Rabbi Stephen and Nina Schafer. Dedicated in November of 1976 by leaders of the Reform Movement from the USA and Israel the kibbutz is currently celebrating it's "Chai" (eighteenth) birthday.

Rabbi Stephen Schafer, former Director of the UAHC Youth Division, was a primary force in the conception and establishment of Kibbutz Yahel. Both Steve and Nina were responsible for the creation of "Garin Arava," the American settlement group to the Reform Kibbutzim, Yahel and Lotan, as well as being a driving force behind the organization of North American financial support for the kibbutzim. The Schafers were also instrumental in the establishment of "Har Chalutz," the Reform community in the Galilee.

During a moving presentation ceremony in the kibbutz synagogue, Idit Usha, the General Secretary of Yahel, expressed the feelings of all the members of the kibbutz, "What could be more symbolic during our "Chai" year than to extend honorary membership to the couple who did so much to give us "Chayim!" The only other Honorary Life Members of Kibbutz Yahel, Rabbi Allen and Susie Levine, were also present at the ceremony.

Today Kibbutz Yahel is home to a population of over 200, including 75 children. The cosmopolitan nature of our first Reform kibbutz is reflected in the fact that its members come from ten different countries; Israel, USA, South Africa, England, France, Mexico, Argentina, Morocco, Rumania, and Armenia. The kibbutz produces dates, pomello, melons, watermelons, onions, peppers. Yahel takes pride in its ,250 cow dairy, as well as its new desert aquaculture project - fish ponds. Yahel's educational seminar center, "Ma'ayan B'Midbar," a project of the Women of Reform Judaism (N.F.T.S.), annually hosts many thousands of Israeli high school students, in addition to NFTY high school and university students, and congregations from the Reform Movement from all over the world. A visit to Kibbutz Yahel is warm and uplifting experience. Arrangements can be made through travel agents, or through direct contact with the kibbutz: "Ma'ayan B'Midbar"

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Submitted by fori Stark Kibbutz Yahel

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September 29, 1994 24 Tishri 5755

Mrs. Miriam S. Puder 82 Sullivan Drive West Orange, NJ 07052

Dear Mrs. Puder:

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The 1978 financial records of the UAHC and ARZA are warehoused and we simply cannot get to them. We <u>do</u> know that your gift was received and transferred and a plaque was placed in the original library at Kibbutz Yahel.

There is really nothing more I can do in this connection. It is between you and the members of Yahel. In the early days of Kibbutz Yahel's creation, the Union acted as a recipient of funds. We did not retain them, they were immediately transferred.

Unfortunately, as has been explained to you, over the years the library had to be relocated for various reasons. Somehow, the plaque was lost and everyone concerned has expressed great dismay and the Kibbutz has sought to correct the matter.

I much regret your inability to understand that a grievous error was made, it was certainly not planned. In good faith a plaque in memory of your beloved mother was made up in 1978 and now the members of the Kibbutz have promised to have a new plaque made up and placed in their library.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch Rabbi Barry H. Greene Kibbutz Yahel Miriam S. Puder 82 Sullivan Drive West Orange, NJ 0705.

Phone: 201-325-2967 FAX.....201-325-6903

September 20, 1994.

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

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Subject: \$5,000 donation in memory of Elisabeth Moyer Schoenberger.

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 23, 1994 in which you state the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has no authority over Kibbutz Yahel and you only transferred funds to them through the office of Rabbi Schafer, former director of Youth Activities for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

You must understand that we are not trying to lay blame nor are we unforgiving people. We are also aware, that in the scheme of important matters and concerns, our problem is small. You must also be aware, however, that we feel that we have every right to ask for validation and verification of what happened to our \$5,000 donation in memory of Elisabeth Moyer Schoenberger. As of now, we have a receipt stating that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations had received our check for \$5,000. Since that is all we have and all that we know, we are asking that you give us proof, with Xeroxed validation, that the monies were transmitted to, and received by, Kibbutz Yahel. It is important that we be provided with a verified and validated trail of where the money went and how it was used.

In the meantime, we reiterate that we wish NO action be taken to install a plaque in my mother's memory. It was supposed to have been done in 1978. Sixteen years later, upon finding out that nothing was done, we do not want action taken before we have been provided with the verified information that we have requested.

We await the information that we feel entitled to receive.

Sincerely yours,

mirian Kuder

cc: Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, Kibbutz Yahel Treasurer Hillel Tobias and Maskir Elad Lending, Kibbutz Yahel Rabbi Allan Levine, Union of American Hebrew Congregations Miriam S. Puder 82 Sullivan Drive West Orange, NJ 07052

Phone: 201-325-2967 FAX.....201-325-6903

September 20, 1994

Maskir Elad Lending and Treasurer Hillel Tobias Kibbutz Yahel Dear Na Eilot 88850 Israel

Dear Maskir Lending and Treasurer Tobias:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 22, 1994, and am most sensitive to the difficulties of establishing a Kibbutz life and of the very hard lives that the members of Kibbutz Yahel have led. Also please know that we, the family of Elisabeth Moyer Schoenberger, are compassionate and forgiving human beings.

We feel, however, that it is important to pursue just what happened to our donation given in 1978 in memory of Elisabeth Moyer Schoenberger. We wish to be provided with validated proof that the monies we gave to Kibbutz Yahel, for establishing an agricultural library in my mother's memory, were indeed received and so used. As of now we have only a receipt that the \$5,000 was received at UAHC by Rabbi Stephen Schafer on March 28, 1978. What happened to the \$5,000? Did Kibbutz Yahel receive the money? If so, please provide us with a copy of the dated receipt. Additionally, how was the \$5,000 spent? You say that there was a small library, first in a bomb shelter and then in a small room. You also infer that there was a plaque at some time. According to my daughter's information, based on her visit with her Israeli friend to Kibbutz Yahel in July 1994, there was never an agricultural library and never a plaque.

We hope you understand that, after 16 years, where no memorial was established in my mother's memory, we insist on receiving validated proof that the monies were received and how they were expended.

Until such proof and validation is provided, you are to do nothing at this time to provide the plaque which was to be originally established. You may not now put up a memorial to my mother without our explicit consent, and such will not be forthcoming until you have satisfied us with the verified information requested.

We await hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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

Rabbi Richard Hirsch, Director World Union for Progressive Judaism 13 King David St. Jerusalem 92141, Israel Rabbi Allan Levine Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Ave. New York, NY 10021





August 23, 1994 16 Elul 5754

Ms. Miriam S. Puder 82 Sullivan Drive West Orange, NJ 07052

Dear Ms. Puder:

Once again I must reiterate my distress at the situation regarding your gift to Kibbutz Yahel. I must also explain that the Union has no authority over the Kibbutz for we did no more than provide counsel and assistance to a group of young people determined to organize a liberal kibbutz. The UAHC made no financial commitment nor were we ever involved in their fundraising campaign.

Your contribution was to Kibbutz Yahel and while the funds may have been transferred to them through the office of Rabbi Schafer, former director of Youth Activities for the UAHC, the Union itself was not involved in their fund raising efforts in any way. Thus, as you can appreciate, there is nothing I can do to gain the return of your gift for it is beyond my purview to arrange for such a procedure.

My communication to Rabbi Hirsch of ARZA and to the members of the Kibbutz was by way of urging them to make certain they handled with dignity and dispatch a matter over which I have authority. It is my fond hope this unfortunate situation will be brought to a mutually acceptable solution.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M Schindler

cc: Rabbi H. Barry Greene Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch Kibbutz Yahel 10:21 0000 RICHARD K. PUDER 201-325-2967

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West Orange, NJ 07052

Phone: 201-325-2967 FAX.....201-325-6903

August 18, 1994

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Ave. New York, NY 10021-7064

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I have just received your letter dated August 11, 1994, having been away on vacation when it arrived, and I am greatly distressed with its contents.

On August 6th I sent you by FAX and also by mail my instructions as to what it is that I wish to have done. I stated that I do NOT want any further action to rectify the lack of follow through of our donation of \$5,000 in my mother's memory. I stated that "you are hereby instructed to do nothing until we have further information as to what happened to our monies and where they went"; "...do not try to correct something which is not correctable".

We do NOT want a plaque. It is too late, after sixteen years. We have no accounting for how our contribution was spent. There was NO record of any agricultural library established by these funds nor was there any knowledge of the donation at the Kibbutz.

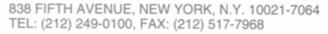
There is but one and only one resolution to this horrendous "violation of trust", and that is simply stated: please see to it that our \$5,000 donation is immediately returned to us.

Awaiting your immediate reply,

Sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Stephen Schaffer CC: Rabbi Allan Levine Rabbi Allan Smith Maskir Elad Lending and Treasurer Hillel Tobias-Kibbutz Yahel Rabbi Barry Greene



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RABBI AMMIEL HIRSCH Amm

DATE:

RE:

TO:

FROM:

Puder Plaque

August 18, 1994

I spoke with our colleague Barry Greene and have been in communication with Kibbutz Yahel. The kibbutz obviously lost the plaque but has committed to making a new one. They have also apologized in writing to the Puder family. With regard to compensation (with or without interest), clearly the kibbutz is not in a position to refund any money. Barry indicated to me that the family is rather difficult, and that with appropriate apologies and the making of a new plaque, they would be placated.

When the plaque is complete, the kibbutz will be in communication with Ms. Puder. You and others have already communicated with the family. Barry thinks that this is sufficient. I agree.

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August 11, 1994 4 Elul 57754

From: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

To: Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch

cc: Rabbi Allen L. Smith

RE; PLAQUE OF PUDER FAMILY AT KIBBUTZ YAHEL

I am sharing the enclosed correspondence with you so that you can follow up and make certain this matter is resolved. I do want to know what transpires so please keep me posted.

You may be able to get more details from Smitty so please discuss with him. Since Steve Schaffer and Allan Levine are no longer in the picture this has to be dealt with from this end!

I'll tell Mrs. Puder we are looking into this matter.

Thanks.

August 11, 1994 4 Elul 5754

Miriam S. Puder 82 Sullivan Drive West Orange, NJ 07052

Dear Ms. Puder:

Your recent correspondence with Kibbutz Yahel has caused me great distress for I can feel your pain over the loss of the special placque honoring the memory of your beloved mother. I know there are no words that I or any of the Kibbutz members can offer which will alleviate your anguish but I assure you I will make certain the plaque is replaced and given the special place of honor which it deserves.

Rabbis Schaffer and Levine are both retired and now out of the picture in regard to this matter. I have, however, shared your letter with the director of ARZA, a major supporter of Kibbutz Yahel, and instructed him to make certain the situation is corrected quickly. I will, of course, monitor the situation to make certain it is handled with dignity and dispatch. I will keep you informed.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi H. Barry Greene Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch Rabbi Allan L. Smith Kibbutz Yahel Miriam S. Puder 82 Sullivan Drive West Orange, NJ 07052

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August 6, 1994

Rabbi Stephen Schaffer Rabbi Allan Levine Rabbi Allan Smith Rabbi Schindler, President Union of American Hebrew Congregation 838 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10021

Re: My FAX 8/6/94 to Kibbutz Yahel

Enclosed please find a copy of the FAX sent this evening to Kibbutz Yahel, which is self explanatory. I request that you see to it that my instructions in the enclosed FAX are carried out.

Sincerely yours,

HIBBUTZ YAHEL UNITED KIBBUTZ MOVEMENT THE MOVEMENT FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

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1st August 1994 כדי באב תשנייד

Dear Mrs. Puder,

re: Your recent visit to Kibbutz Yahel

I wish to apologise for the incident which occured on your arrival at our Kibbutz.

Unfortunately you caught me on my Shabbat day and I was unprepared for the embarrasment caused by the plaque in your mother's name having gone astray.

We will correct the situation as soon as possible and want you to know that we are grateful for your generosity and participation in this pioneering venture which is Kibbutz Yahel.

Once again, my sincere apologies.

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1st August 1994 כד באב תשמייד

Mrs Miriam S. Puder 82 Sullivan Drive West Orange NJ 07052 USA

Dear Mrs Puder

I hope that you are well and had a safe trip home. There are people at Yahel that remember your generous donation of \$5,000 as this facilitated the begining of our agricultural library.

The Library was moved several times during the first years of the Kibbutz until the permanent building was built in 1987. It had moved from an empty apartment to a bomb shelter, then on to the vacant kindergarden building and back to the bomb shelter. Please be reminded that your donation was one that helped this New pioneering settlement tremendously. During the first years of a pioneering settlement such as ours, buildings are at short supply and often perform more that one function. It is clear that amongst the many moves the plaque in honour of your mother was mislaid. We apologise for the anguish which this caused you on your recent visit to Yahel.

We shall immediately make a plaque according to your original request and we hope that this will be a fitting and honourable way to remember you mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Moyer Schoenberger, and recognize the generous donation you made to our Kibbutz.

This is the very first time that such a mishap has occured. Our integrity and the honour of our supporters is of utmost importance to us, after all with out you where would we be ?

I apologise also for the incident which occured on your visit. We shall photograph the plaque once it is in place on our Board and send you copies of the pictures.

I take this opportunity of inviting you to Yahel when you next visit Israel. I'm sure that this time it will be a happy and memorable experience.

We wish you well

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Hillel Tobias Treasurer

cc: Rabbi Stephen A. Schafer Rabbi Allan Levine Rabbi Allan Smith Elad Lending, Kibbutz Yahel Miriam S. Puder 82 Sullivan Drive West Orange, NJ 07052

Phone: 201-325-2967 FAX.....201-325-6903

August 6, 1994

Attention: Maskir Elad Lending and Treasurer Hillel Tobias-Kibbutz Yahel

Re: Your FAX of August 6, 1994.

Under the circumstances we wish you to take no further action to rectify the lack of having followed through with our donation in my mother's (Elisabeth Moyer Schoenberger) memory sixteen years ago. Mere letters cannot correct what has happened. You are hereby instructed to do nothing until we have further information as to what happened to our monies and where they went. Do not try to gloss over what happened by trying to correct something which is not correctable. We will be in touch with you after we have further information.

Copies of this FAX are going to Rabbi Stephen Schaffer, Rabbi Allan Levine, Rabbi Allan Smith, Rabbi Barry Greene, and Rabbi Schindler, the President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The thinking of my family is to have you return our \$5,000.00, perhaps with interest, for all the years we were under the impression that our contribution had been honored with integrity. We wish to find a new charity in whom we can place our faith and trust. You have not earned it.

We will await hearing from you and those others involved with this matter.

Miriam S. Puder, and the family of Elisabeth Moyer Schoenberger.

cc: Rabbi Stephen Schaffer Rabbi Allan Levine Rabbi Allan Smith Rabbi Barry Greene Rabbi Schindler KIBBUTZ YAHEL

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15.8.94 הי אלול תשנייד

Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch A.R.Z.A. Fax: 212-5177968

Dear Ami

re: Donation of Mrs. Mirlam Puder in memory of her Mother

Thank you for helping up to deal with this issue. Lendose copies of correspondence with Mrs. Puder including a reply as of yesterday to hor mest recent letter to me.

We will make a plaque as soon as she authorizes it's content, we would not like to make another mistake.

It is worthwhile to read the correspondence betwoon Mrs. Puder and Rabbi Schafer in the light of what was at Yahel in those days!

I do not have anything else to offer Mrs. Puder except that Ron Bernstein visit her in the fall at her home.

Please advise us as to what to do.

Yours Sincerely,

Hillel Tohias

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15.8.94 תי אלול תשנייד

Mrs. Miriam S. Puder 82 Sullivan Drive West Orange NJ 07052 U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Puder,

It is clear to me that you and your family are annoyed, disappointed and angry at what has happened. I know that mere letters cannot correct the situation. I can only hope to give you a more detailed insight as to "where Yahel was" at the time you gave your generous donation of \$5 000 towards an agricultural Library at Yahel.

Yahel was established through the combined efforts of the International Reform Community, the United Kibbutz Movement and the Government of Israel.

In February 1977 the first Settlers arrived on Yahel. At that time there were prefabricated houses, a dining room and an office block all scattered on this desolate wadi mouth in the Arava Desert. This time was momentous for the Reform Movement because Yahel were the first roots the movement was putting down in Israel. Indeed Rabbi Schindler, Rabbi Schafer and Rabbi Levine were at the ground breaking ceremony where a grove was planted by leading members of the Reform Movement. This was barely six months before you had agreed to donate to our cause. There was no running water for the first nine months. Water was brought in by truck and members showered in a communal shower under the water tower. There was no electricity for the first months until a generator was bought, and a year passed until we were connected to the National Electricity Grid. There were no pathways. The pioneer settlers who were just done with their army training lived out of plastic vegetable containers for their closets, chairs and tables. I can only show you pictures today to impress upon you the distance we have come since those early days.

There is no doubt that the Reform Rabbis and specifically Rabbi Alexander Schindler. Rabbi Stephen Schafer and Rabbi Allan Levine, who had the vision of what the first Reform Settlement in Israel was to be, had to consider the needs of this struggling settlement, not only on a spiritual level but also in the areas of production. The agricultural library is a bridge between these two areas. You saw on your visit that the Library \ Synagogue complex is the spiritual and cultural center of the Kibbutz and in fact it is due to your vision and generosity that we have an agricultural library today. It is said in our Torah that without flour (bread) there is no Torah with and without flour (bread) there is possible for us.

When you gave your contribution to Yahel it was a mere fledgling settlement and for many years, even until 1989 we were in dire financial straits, not being able to make ends meet which caused rapid population turnover and rapidly changing needs. As a result we moved our library from place to place until its permanent home was established. Yahel was frail for many years both socially and financially, but today, as peace is at our doorstep, we hope to become stronger branching into areas of commerce and tourism. Surely this incident is not indicative of the way we relate to those who support us. We have an ongoing positive relationship with the Rabbis, Congregations and Members of the UAHC including ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America. Our integrity is important to us and so, notwithstanding the fact that this mistake was made, we will correct it.

It is betitting in this month of Elul to apologize for deeds done to others and so in the light of all the above mentioned I apologize in the name of all the members of Yahel, for the fact that the Plaque in the name of your mother Mrs. Elisabeth Moyer Schoenberger had gone astray in the procedure of moving the Library, that we did not know to correct the situation, causing you and yours so much heartache and upset.

We wish to know whether the wording for the plaque should be as follows:

AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY IN MEMORY OF ELISABETH MOYER SCHOENBERGER YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

23.12.1901 - 1.1.1977

If this is suitable to you, we will order it forthwith and send you photographs of the plaque on our Donor's wall.

I am, Yours sincerely

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Hillel Tobias Treasurer

cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Rabbi H. Barry Greene Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch Rabbi Allan Smith Rabbi Allan Levine Rabbi Steven A. Schafer Ron Bernstein, Yahel Elad Lending, Yahel Yahel Notice board and Newsletter

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

> September 22, 1994 17 Tishri 5755

VIA FAX: one page

Elad Lending Kibbutz Yahel Doar Na Eilot 88850 Israel

Dear Elad:

Thank you for letting me know that there will be a change in leadership of Kibbutz Yahel. It really was a delight to work with you and I agree with you that our relationship was satisfying in every possible way.

Please assure Idit that I will be happy to work with her and that she shouldn't hesitate to contact me if she has any need.

Of course, I reciprocate your good wishes for a happy and a healthy New Year. Both you personally, and the members of Kibbutz Yahel.

In Friendship,

Alexander M. Schindler

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September 9, 1994 די תשרי תשנייה

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

Dear Alexander,

The High Holy Day season signifies endings as well as beginnings. For me it marks the end of my two-year term as Mazkir of Kibbutz Yahel, and the beginning of engineering school. Idit Usha is replacing me as Mazkira, and I am confident that she will continue to develop the warm and productive relationship that I have enjoyed for these past years. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you both personally and on behalf of Kibbutz Yahel for the understanding and caring that you (and by extension your organization) have shown towards Kibbutz Yahel.

I wish you and yours a happy and healthy New Year, and may we go from strength to strength.

Celu Elad Lending

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

June 12, 1991 30 Sivan 5751

Rabbi Fred B. Guttman Reform Congregation Ahavath Chesed 8727 San Jose Boulevard Jacksonville FL 32217

Dear Fred:

How very good of you to seek to assist our Kibbutzim, Yahel and Lotan, in their efforts to create industry which will help them sustain themselves. I am deeply grateful for your interest and want to assure you that the information on David Marco will be passed along to those members of our Board of Trustees and the UAHC staff who are involved in this critical search. I know they will be pleased to have your suggestion.

If they wish to contact Mr. Marco, may they do so by writing to him in care of Ahavath Chesed? If not, would you be kind enough to give me a mailing address for him.

With repeated thanks for your interest, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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FRED GUTTMAN, M.H.L. Associate Rabbi

June 7, 1991

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I need your help in trying to facilitate a connection between a congregant of mine, David Marco of Marco Industries, and our Kibbutzim, Yahel and Lotan. Is there someone in the United States that deals with these matters? If so, please pass this letter along to them.

For your information in a nutshell, the story is as follows: Marco Industries produces optical products and could very well be a very good small industry for either one of our Kibbutzim. They have an extensive market in Europe and are looking for some sort of European or Middle East manufacturing and assembly plant for their products.

I look forward to seeing you at the Biennial and please feel free to call me if you deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Fred B. Guttman, M.H.L. Associate Rabbi

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

> April 2, 1991 18 Nisan 5751

Mr. Yossie Amiel Kibbutz Yahel Doar Na Eilot 8850 ISRAEL

Dear Yossie:

Jul

I hope you have been enjoying a beautiful and sweet Pesach. Please convey my warm good wishes to everyone at Kibbutz Yahel at this festive season.

In regard to your March 11 letter, I am grateful to you for writing about Barbara Binder Kadden and her husband, Rabbi Bruce Kadden. I do, however, want to correct your understanding of the meeting which was held in my office. The possibility of publishing a book about Yahel did not come out of my conversation with the people receiving copies of this letter. I checked with Eric Yoffie, who told me that it was a suggestion he made to the National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) when he met with them. He had a long discussion about books for the movement and one of the ideas was a textbook dealing with our Liberal settlements in Israel.

Be that as it may, the idea will be pursued. Eric is meeting with David Bernstein and representatives of our Department of Jewish Education, Rabbi Howard Bogot, Director, and David Kasakove. Eric will share with them the idea of a book on our settlements and if they feel it has merit, he will also share your suggestion of Barbara and Bruce Kadden as well as the outline for such a publication. Let me assure you that Eric and the other parties involved will be in contact with you concerning any further developments on this proposal.

With warm regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Eric Yoffie Mr. Leo Bernstein Mr. Irving Gruber Mr. Leonard Teitelbaum Mr. David Bernstein 1/ recollection correct- not at your meeting

2/ eric spoke to nate and suggested text books dealing with our settlements etc.

3. eric meeting with david bernstein.kasakove and bogot to discuss will have education dept. respond to proposal eric took cc of letter

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· KIBBUTZ YAHEL UNITED KIBBUTZ MOVEMENT THE MOVEMENT FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

> 11th March, 1991 25 Adar 5741 [106,11]MAZ229DOC

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

We understand that one of the suggestions which was raised at your meeting with Leo Bernstein, Irving Gruber, Eric Yoffie, David Bernstein and Len Teitelbaum was the possiblity of publishing a book about Yahel. This idea was greeted with a great deal of enthusiasm in discussions at Yahel. It seems an optimal way of presenting Israel, Zionism and Reform Judaism to American Reform youth, through identification with life on a Reform kibbutz.

During the past year, Barbara Binder Kadden and her husband Rabbi Bruce Kadden have been at Yahel with their children in the framework of our "one year program" for families. Bruce and Barbara are professional Jewish educators who have written several books in Jewish Education. Barbara has a Masters of Arts degrees in Jewish Education and Jewish Communal Service from HUC. She co-authored the texts "Jewish History: Moments and Methods" and "Teaching Torah". Bruce, who was ordained at HUC wrote "Choosing Judaism: A Mini-Course on Conversion". Together they wrote "Teaching Mitzvot" and "Ethical Wills: Handing Down our Jewish Heritage". All of their books were published by Alternatives in Religious Education.

When presented with the idea of writing a text book on Yahel, Bruce and Barbara responded positively and began to develop a possible outline for such a book. It seems to us that the coincidence of Bruce and Barbara's educational experience, along with their first-hand knowledge of Yahel have provided an optimal opportunity for creating a book. Enclosed is a preliminary suggestion for such a book.

As we have no previous experience here with producing religious school texts, please advise us if this is a viable proposal and, if so, how to continue to advance the project. Bruce and Barbara expressed willingness to draw up a single chapter as an example of their concept of the book.

Once again I thank you for your on-going support. I look forward to hearing from you concerning this proposal.

B'vracha, Yossie Amiel

CC: Rabbi Eric Yoffie Mr. Leo Bernstein Mr. Irving Gruber Mr. Len Teitelbaum Mr. David Bernstein

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Proposal for Textbook on Kibbutz Yahel

Target Audience: Grades 4-5-6

Content:

The book would follow the calendar year both agriculturally and Jewishly. It would include the following:

holiday celebrations life cycle ceremonies

worship/bet knesset

land and geography of Israel near the kibbutz

structure of the kibbutz: how it is run, by whom, etc.

division of labor

work places child care

schooling

klita

Jews settling at Yahel from differnt countries/ backgrounds role of volunteers

Approach:

Possiblity of using one of the following or open to other suggestions: Convey the story through:

- 1. A series of penpal letters
- 2. A family recording their 1 year stay on kibbutz
- 3. A family going through klita and what they experience
- A child recording thoughts in a diary or just in a narrative form.

Possible Additions:

- 1. Hebrew Component at the end of each chapter words which are relevant to that particular chapter
- 2. Teacher's guide to explain and supplement
- 3. Activity book or activities following each chapter
- 4. Slide series or video presentation

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UNITED KIBBUTZ MOVEMENT THE MOVEMENT FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM DOAR NA EILOT 88850 TEL.059-74220 ISRAEL TLX:7792 ARDOM IL FAX:(972)59 72969

February 10,1991

TO: Rabbi Eric Yoffie Mr. Leo Bernstein Mr. Irving Gruber Mr. David Bernstein

KIBBUTZ YAHEL

FROM: Yossie Amiel, Mazkir Kibbutz Yahel

SUBJECT: Parents Meeting

COPIES: Rabbi Schindler Mr. Len Teitelbaum

We here at Yahel have received the protocal of the parents meeting that was held in Rabbi Schindler's office. We very much appreciate your special efforts on behalf of Kibbutz Yahel at this meeting, your willingness to help, and your concern as parents. I was unable to respond to the meeting as I was in reserve duty up until a few days ago, together with Hillel Tobias. We see importance in the areas which you proposed, points with which you can help us, and in which we'll need help.

In a few words, Yahel today is a different Yahel than a few years ago. The community is more mature, stable, and organized. The results of our communal and economic activities are positive, as are our prospects for growth. The reality that surrounds us today is the harsh reality of Israeli society. The kibbutz movement forces us to be independent, strong and mature. We strongly believe in the success of Yahel. To this end, the members are working very hard and investing great efforts, and we also see results. We will be happy to receive all assistance in order to continue to move forward.

Now for the specific points that were brought up. On the economic side, "Va'adat Meshek" (the Economic Committee) of Kibbutz Yahel will hold a in depth planning meeting discussing the points that were raised by Len Teitelbaum. We will format a proposal and present it as soon as possible. Your requirements of us seem logical and are understood. Amnon, who is presently the "Meracez Meshek" (Economic Coordinator), is now in reserve duty. The war has resulted in there being a lot of reserve duty, and everything during this period is moving along more slowly (understatement!).

On the Educational side, we see great potential in the developing of a multi-level educational program which would create an increased awareness of Reform settlement in Israel. In the long run, this would lead to greater support for Yahel and other settlements, as well as Israel. We will be happy to assist as much as possible in this endeavor.

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Our tourist branch, "Ma'ayan B'Midbar" Center for Desert Tourism, is today a rapidly expanding work branch in which we have invested both money and man power. We have expanded our facilities, and have been recently very successful in servicing the general public, as well as groups from the Reform Movement. This branch is now working year round, and we have been receiving many compliments from all ranks of guests. We feel that many more groups from the Reform Movement should be staying with us. We would appreciate your help in this area, directing groups visiting Israel to include Yahel in their itineries. We will be sending you more detailed information and P.R. materials.

Again, I appreciate your initiative that was evident in this meeting, along with your willingness to help.

Regards,

Yossie Amiel Mazkir, Kibbutz Yahel

MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander Schindler To Robert M. Koppel

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Date 11/29/89

Copies Rabbis Eric Yoffie, Allan Smith Subject

As far as your query concerning the funds is concerned, you are absolutely right. There has to be a clearly defined structure and it seems to me that on a staff level, Eric Yoffie and Allan Smith are to be involved. As far as lay leadership is concerned, it should be the Mike Rukin Committee that handles this.





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MEMORANDUM

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0	DATE :	November 28, 1989 30 Heshvan 5750
	TO:	Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
	FROM:	Robert M. Koppel BOG
	cc:	Rabbis Eric Yoffie, Allan Smith
	RE:	Kibbutz Fund Har Chalutz Fund

I have been faced recently with requests from our two Kibbutzim and Har Chalutz for money from the above referenced funds.

As you know, the funds deposited into these accounts are raised by Kibbutz or Har Chalutz people. The money is held by the UAHC as separate restricted funds. My problem is that I do not have a clear definition of how much financial monitoring I should be exercising regarding these funds.

The argument for laissez faire is that since the money was raised by others for the benefit of Yahel, Lotan or Har Chalutz, if the Kibbutz Fund Committee or Haim Sharett from Har Chalutz requests money, it's ok to respond affirmatively.

The argument for more detailed information is that since the checks are made out to the UAHC and held under our name, that we have a fiduciary responsibility to obtain more information than one line requests for several thousands of dollars. To date I have been requesting additional information and have received complaints from Israel along with most of the data I request.

My request is that I would like a more defined structure from our perspective as to who in Israel is authorized to request funds and also what, if any, UAHC approvals are needed. Who from our program side could give assurance that the money is being spent appropriately?

The alternative is that I could just send them the funds as they request and not ruffle feathers, etc.

The Kibbutz fund has a \$30,000 remaining balance (after having sent \$54,000 to them recently.) The Har Chalutz fund has \$6,000.

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18th June, 1989

Rabbi Alexander Schindler President U.A.H.C. 838 Fifth Ave New York 10021 U.S.A.

KIBBUTZ(YAHEL

Dear Rabbi Schindler

re: Your help with regard to Yahel's Jewish Agency Settlement Department Development Budget

We were recently informed by the Director of the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Motke Kostrinsky, that our Development Budget for 1989/1990 has been drastically cut. Our budget for this year will not allow us to build an important shelter for cows that is long overdue, and causing us severe damage in raising our cows. This shelter costs \$30,000.

The Development Budget is an essential part of the turnabout program that the Jewish Agency started for its Kibbutz Settlements - \$49 million Debt write-off over 4 years and \$75 million Development over 4 years.

We urgently request your help in representing us to the Jewish Agency Rural Settlement Department committee on this issue.

We would appreciate meeting with you on your forthcoming visit to Jerusalem to discuss this and other important and pressing matters. We will be in Jerusalem on June 26th. Please inform us of a suitable time to meet.

Thank you

Hillel Tobias Treasurer

cc: Rabbi Richard Hirsch Rabbi Danny Syme Rabbi Eric Yoffie Maggie Bar-Tura March 8, 1989 1 Adar II 5749

Mr. Leonard Teitelbaum 4 Sharon Lane Holmdel, NJ 07733

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Rabbi Stephen A. Schafer 16 Leeward Way Cowpet Bay West St. Thomas. USVI 00802

Dear Len and Steve:

All of us in the Reform movement owe the two of you a debt of gratitude! The extensive effort you put into the search for an industry for Yahel was above and beyond the call of duty. The result is one which heartens us all and you both should be pleased.

If we contacted Yahel to urge that they sign the necessary papers and move into setting up the negative quipment to get started as soon as possible with the new industry. The ball is now in their court and I pray they keep it in play and score!

With heartfelt gratitude for the yeoman work you have done and with fond regards to you and your families, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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VIA FAX

March 8, 1989 1 Adar II 5749

TO: Rabbi David Forman Jerusalem Youth Office, UAHC

I hope you had an uneventful trip home and found everything to be in order and all your gals well.

I just learned that Yahel now has the papers to sign for the production of de-gradable plastic. Please convince the Yahelniks to accept this proposal. Both Schafer and Teitelbaum are convinced that they can make a million a year. It is not 100% of what they sought but it is 95% and nobody gets perfection!

Please do your best!!

Fondest regards -- will see you soon when I caome in for the Prime Minister's Mission.



From the desk of EDITH J. MILLER

ארדיות אמרקרמת /8 Len Teitlebaum called

> Yahel has papers to sign for production of de-gradable plastic....it's in their court now... he and steve got 95% of what they wanted - did not get exclusive rights for Yahel.....

> if they get off their butts and work they can make over a million a year....

steve s. in n.j. to see son next week and he and Len will meet to go over last details etc. etc.

He did his job ----and as he notes, up to yahel now



MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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Date February 6, 1989 1 Adar I 5749

To Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

Copies Allan B. Goldman, Esq.

Subject

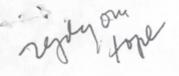
Maggie Bar-Tura's proposal for a new Settlements Committee is acceptable, yet allow me to make a number of comments:

- 1. The most urgent need for Yahel is to find an industry. Teitelbaum has made several proposals and I understand that the problem has not been on the side of the Settlements Committee, but on the side of the Kibbutz. It has not been able to get its act together on the acceptance of a particular industry, or because of other red tape problems presented by the regional Israeli Settlements Committee.
- Lotan does not begin to have the problem which Yahel encounters. That particular Kibbutz is well off both financially and in terms of its membership. That difference does tell us something about the divergent nature of our two kibbutzim.
- 3. Maggie Bar-Tura has not been able to do an effective job in stimulating our garinim which provide a resource for those who will ultimately go to our Settlements. She has been content to do general "pro-Zionist Educational work." That may help in the long run, but it doesn't help in the short run. What we really need are sheliachmdrawn from our own membership from Yahel and Lotan as is our present shaliach in San Francisco. Reform Kibbutznicks are in the best position to talk to the sons and daugthers of our
- 4. I have no objection to the plan that Maggie proposes if it is really going to be of value, but I would like you to talk to ien Teitelbaum and to Steve Schafer to gain their insights before we proceed with the setting up of an elaborate structure.

Thanks.



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MEMORANDUM

 From
 Rabbi Daniel B. Syme
 Date
 Feb. 2, 1989

 To
 Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Mr. Allan B. Goldman

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 Subject

I enclose a proposal for a new Settlements Committee, as submitted by Maggie Bar-Tura.

Would you please review and let me know if/how you'd like to proceed.

Thanks.





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Maggie Goldberg Bar-Tura Central Shlicha

January 5, 1989

Proposal for UAHC Settlements Committee

In his address to the UAHC Biennial in Chicago, 1987, Rabbi Alexander Schindler called for the establishment of a UAHC Committee for the Reform settlements in Israel. Since that time, an <u>ad hoc</u> Yahel Industry Search Committee has operated under the joint chairmanship of Leonard Teitelbaum and Rabbi Stephen Schafer. The committee is actively pursuing several possibilities for an industry at Yahel but does not, in its present format, have the ability or the funding to engage in additional activities to promote and strengthen Yahel, Lotan and Har Halutz. The purpose of this paper is to present a proposal for the goals, structure and programming of a Settlements Committee in the spirit of Rabbi Schindler's address.

I. Goals of the Committee

- A. Aliyah
 - Promotion of and assistance to individual olim and garinim to Yahel, Lotan and Har Halutz through the Reform Aliyah Movement, TaMaR.
 - Publicity for aliyah to the settlements and recruitment of potential olim.
 - Promotion of educational programming relating to aliyah and the Reform settlements under the auspices of the Department of Religious Education and the Division of Youth Activities.

B. Congregational Programming

- Establishment of regional Israel Committees to sponsor and promote programming relating to Zionism, Israel and the Reform settlements, in coordination with the Department of Religious Education and the Youth Division, and ARZA.
- C. Volunteer Programs in Israel
 - Promotion of programs of active participation in the building and welfare of the Reform settlements, under the aegis of ARZA, the Youth Division and the Corps of Jewish Service. Programs would include volunteering and extended visits of families and individuals to the settlements.
- D. Economic Welfare
 - 1. Search for an industry suitable for Kibbutz Yahel
 - Promotion of economic development of the Reform settlements vis-a-vis the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency, and the Israeli government.

איחוד ריהרות מתקרמת באמריקר Proposal for the UAHC Settlements Committee -2-

January 5, 1989

II. Structure of the Committee

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The Settlements Committee will be chaired by a layperson and co-chaired by a rabbi appointed by the CCAR. Members of the Committee will be appointed by the Chairman of the UAHC Board of Trustees. The Committee will be supplemented by the North American representative of the United Kibbutz Movement (Takam) who will sit on the committee <u>ex officio</u>. The central shaliach to the UAHC will serve as a professional to assist the work of the committee.

III. Proposed Programming.

Among the areas in which the committee may choose to be involved are:

- A. Promotion of aliyah and recruitment of people for the Reform settlements under the auspices of the Reform Aliyah Movement, TaMaR. This could include production of brochures, posters, and appropriate materials for promotion of long term and short term programs for singles, families and active retirees at the settlements.
- B. Education on the national, regional and local levels about Reform Zionism, aliyah, contemporary Israel and settlement, for college youth and adults.
- C. Production of a general brochure/pamphlet of Reform activities and institutions in Israel including youth and adult programs for visitors from abroad, programming for Israelis under the auspices of the Reform movement, Reform settlements and congregations, Reform institutions in Israel, and rabbinic and cantorial programs in Israel.
- D. Regional and local programming may include:
 - 1. Ulpanim for spoken Hebrew
 - Adult education series
 - 3. A TaMaR aliyah group
 - Organization of a regional mission and pilot tours to Israel
 - 5. Sponsoring a regional scholar-in-residence from Israel
 - Representation in community-wide forums relating to Israel
 - 7. Celebration of Tu B'shvat as "Reform Settlements Day"

IV. Conclusion

The above proposal attempts to create a Sett'ements Committee as envisioned by Rabbi Schindler, which would coordinate the activities of the movement in support of the Reform settlements in Israel, thus making those efforts more effective. Additionally, the proposal seeks to create a structure which would involve and affect greater numbers of our constituency on all levels, thus enhancing the participation and identification of Reform Jews with the movement's commitment to a strong presence in Israel.

Submitted by Maggie Bar-Tura



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> November 4, 1988 24 Heshvan 5749

FROM: Edie Miller

TO: David Forman

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Has Hadas left Kibbutz Yahel yet? Do you know his whereabouts?

His fax to Alex arrived when he was out of the office and on his return from Israel a "bug" or virus kept Alex away from his desk. Now he's due to go to East Germany for the Krystallnacht commemoration (50th Anniversary) and return a day or two prior to departing for our Board Meeting in Atlanta.

I want Hadas to know he is neither forgotten nor being neglected. Between Alex's absence and the post-election situation re Israel I need not tell you what's doing here!

Love to all.

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13th October, 1988 By FAX

Rabbi Alexandler Schindler U.A.H.C. 838 Fifth Ave. New York, New York 10021 U.S.A.

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing to inform you that I have made the painful decision to leave Kibbutz Yahel. I do so with reluctance and with a heavy heart for I greatly cherish the many fond memories and experiences I have enjoyed in pioneering Yahel over the last 11 years. However, I am unable to find peace of mind or soul regarding Yahel's economic future and this creates a great personal dilemna for me, whose burden I can no longer continue to bear.

I want to express my most sincere appreciation and personal gratitude for providing the opportunity to work with you, and for your genuine and continued efforts on behalf of Yahel. I realize that sharing of yourselves and your time is a rich contribution, and I deeply value your generosity. I will always treasure the bonds of friendship and commradary that have been forged between us.

Jonathan Cohen, Economic Manager, will be my replacement in handling the responsibilities associated with the Industry Search. He is a capable and responsible leader, with whom I am sure you will be able to continue your fine efforts.

Sincerely and with my greatest regard,

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Mr. Robert Koppel

Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

Contribution to Kubbutz Xahel

October 7, 1988 26 Tishri 5749

In regard to the payment to Kabbutz Yahel in the amount of \$5,000.00, please note this has been approved..While I was not at the meeting, Dan Syme was present and all of the participants in the meeting pledged a \$5,000.00 contribution to help in the industry search. Dan checked with me and we agreed. We really had no choice. This sum is to be taken from the Contingency Fund.

Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

DATE:	September 30, 1988 19 Tishri 5749
TO:	Rabbis Alexander Schindler, Dan Syme
FROM:	Robert M. Koppel Bog-
cc:	
RE:	Rabbi Steve Schafer

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I received a cryptic phone message from Steve Schafer regarding a payment that the Union was going to make to Kibbutz Yahel in the amount of \$5,000 . Can either of you fill me in with the details? I don't recall a sum of that magnitude being in the budget. From the Mean

Thanks.

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Rabbi Alexander M. Smhindler

April 25, 1988

Rabbi Eric Y. Yoffie

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In regard to the need to contact Alan Marcowitz, I would appreciate your drafting something for me to send.

However, before we write to him, perhaps we ought to wait a bit until the latestbusiness possibility is resolved and in which case we might well require startup costs. Len Teitlebaum called with a good report a few days ago and we await further word on the reaction of Yahel.

Let's talk.

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FROM:	RABBI ERIC H. YOFFIE
TO:	RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER
DATE:	April 21, 1988 4 Iyar 5748

Kibbutz Yahel has requested that you call Alan Marcowitz, head of the Jewish Agency Rural Settlement Committee, and ask for the funds to cover the costs of the Yahel Industry search. These funds will then be used to cover the expenses of a Yahel member who will come to the States for six to twelve months, as explained to you by Steve Schafer.

Marcowitz's position is that his committee can fund start-up capital costs for the industry itself, but not for the search. Yahel feels that Marcowitz should be asked to reconsider. They point out that the Agency, in the past, has given grants for industry search activities through a regional mechanism established in the southern Arava. Yahel did not participate in that regional grouping, and therefore, did not receive any of those funds.

I asked Yahel for a memo giving the details that you would require for a call to Marcowitz. The memo is enclosed. Marcowitz's current work numbers are: (414) 274-2604 and (414) 276-5800.

If you would prefer to write a letter rather than calling, let me know, and I will be happy to compose it in your name.

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PAGE 1 OF 1 (INCLUDING TRANSMISSION PAGE) FAX NUMBER N.F.T.Y, NYC_

DATE: 14th April, 1988

TO: ERIC YOFFIE

FROM: HADAS

RE: DISCUSSION POINTS IN PREPARATION OF SCHINDLER TELEPHONE MEETING WITH ALAN MARCOWITZ, HEAD OF RURAL SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE, BD. OF SVRNRS.

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Ref: TAS 23, 12

Dear Eric:

Pursuant to your request I am enclosing a list of points that should be brought up for discussion with Alan Marcowitz vis-a-vis the Yahel Industry Search.

1) A group of capable, successful industrialists and businessmen has been formed within the framework of the Reform Movement's Commission on Reform Settlement for the expressed purpose of assisting Kibbutz Yahel ideltify an industrial enterprise that could be established at Kibbutz Yahel.

2) This group needs financing to support the activities required to identify and formulate a preliminary business plan that could be presented to the Aural Industrialization Department of the Jewish Agency.

3) The Jewish Agency is not involved in the search for new industrial projects worthy of Agency capital investment, rather acts only upon business plans that have been formulated by an outside initiator. The Jewish Agency and the Kibbutz Movement have yet been able to assist Yahel in identifying a suitable industrial project which might be created at Yahel.

4) Supplying viable means of income is the expressed responsiblity of the Rural Settlement Deaprtment in the establishment of new settlements.

5) The catch-22 is that the young settlements have no financial resources available to identify new business opportunities, yet financing is available only for projects that are "found" and brought to the Rural Industrialization department.

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6) In 1984 Kibbutz Yahel in cooperation with Kibbutz Ketura initiated the establishment of a regional search mechanism which would search for industrial business opportunities for kibbutzim in the Southern Arava. (ARDOM TASIYOT). The Hashomer Hatzair Movement decided that its kibbutzim would not be serviced by this group. Kibbutz Yahel did not agree to two stipulations required to join this group;

A) Distribution of an industrial project would be on a "need be basis, based upon debt", first Gerofit, second Ketura, and third Yahel.

B) Kibbutz Yahel would not enjoy first right of refusal to projects that were initiated by members of the Reform Movement.

Sources of funding of Ardom Tasiyot's activities are to the best of our knowledge as follows:

- A) 25.000 N.I.S. (Kibbutz participation; Yotvata, Lotan, Ketura, Gerofit, Shizafon
- B) 25.000 N.I.S. (Kibbutz participation)
- C) \$70.000 (Jewish Agency Grant) c.1986-87
- D) \$80.000 (Jewish Agency Grant) 1987-88

Kibbutz Yahel received a one-time grant of \$10.000 to investigate the Cleveland Sunscreen proposal from Ardom Tasiyot.

8) The agency is funding the concept of an industry search through the regional mechanism of Ardom Tasiyot. Due to Yahel's objections as stated above, Yahel does not benefit from this funding.

9) We hope that upon representation of our personnel and professional capabilities that Yahel would also become eligible for funding.

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MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Date March 23, 1988 5 Nisan 5748

To Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

Copies

Subject

I read the Kibbutz Yahel letter to Steve. I assume that this is the fax you refered to when you suggested that I ought to talk to Alan Marcowitz.

I read and reread the letter and I really don't understand precisely what they expect Alan Marcowitz to do, maybe you can enlighten me.

Alan Marcowitz is the head of the Rural Settlement Committee-- a sub-committee of the Jewish Agency Budget Committee-- which has attempted to address itself to the problem of the younger kibbutzim. A solution has been proposed, accepted by the committee, confirmed by the Board of Governors. Moreover, the solution was not worked out by the members of the Board of Governors without prior and extensive consultation with the leaders of the World Zionist Organization, as well as with the leaders of the Kizzutz Movement. I doubt very much whether Alan Marcowitz can do anything for Yahel that he is not doing for anyone else. And even if he wanted to do it, he couldn't possibly do it within the strictures of this mandate.

He does have some sums available for developing the income potential of these younger kibbutzim. Is this what the Yahel people would like to tap?

Alan Marcowitz, incidentally, is an extraordinarily capable man and I'm glad that they are inviting him to Yahel. Having Lenny and Steve meet with him, especially the former, prior to this visit is a good idea and I hope that it can be implemented.

So please help me help Yahel because their requests are confusing. As, incidentally, they have always been.



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PAGE 1 OF 7 (INCLUDING TRANSMISSION PAGE) FAX NUMBER (212) 517-7863

DATE: 11th January, 1988

TO: RABBI STEVE SCHAFER

FROM: HADAS LEVIN

PROJECTS UPDATE, TRIP PROPOSAL, POPULATION CENSUS RE:

CC: RABBI ALEXANDER SCHINDLER, RABBI DICK HIRSCH, RABBI DANNY SYME, RABBI ERIC YOFFIE, RABBI CHUCK KROLOFF, MS. MAGGIE BAR TURA JAMIE FRIEDMAN, HILLEL TOBIAS, AMI GIPPS

HARD COPY TO BE SENT YES____

TRANSMITTED ON _1-11-88_ BY_HADAS

Ref: TAS 77.TAS/6.8

Dear Steve:

I have sent you via express mail, due to the many pages, background information on Yahel's present economic situation including cupies of correspondence between the Reform Movement and the Jewish Agency addressing the subject of debt restructuring.

In response to your questions to Hillel of 12/28/87:

1) The Sunscreen Project would have been a very good project for Yahel as well as its American investors. We conducted intensive negotiations with the Cleveland group in August of 1986, and in the course of such the Cleveland group announced that it was no longer interested in pursuing the project. A business plan was written and we had ordered an off the shelf market survey. A great deal of capital for advertising and promotion are required in this branch. Cleveland's business plan called for the capture of 2% of the American market, requiring a promotion budget of \$4,000,000.

In negotiations between Cleveland-Yahel and Dr. Fischer in April 1986, Dr. Fischer announced that he was intending to eventually penetrate his product in the American marketplace which brought an immediate end of negotiations with him.

- Projects under consideration today:
 - 1) Manufacture of Kosher Mozarella cheese.
 - Acquistion of existing bottle cap factory.
 - 3) Assembly of Reverse Osmosis Handpump.
 - 4) Aloe-Vera; extraction and stabilization of Aloe Vera Gel as raw material for the cosmetic and health food industries. (primary market; Japan)
 - 5) Test Facility for testing and packaging for IC's (microprocessors)
 - 6) Assembly facility of electric meters, licensor General Electric.
 - 7) Culture of Brine Shrimp.
 - 8) Computerized food scale and calorie counter.
 - 9) Sub contract to manufacture area carpets.
 - 10) Printing House for the Reform Movement.

Each project is evaluated as to its compatability with Yahel criterion, and its marketability. We are in contact with other parties regarding other proposals but these are not "ripe" at this point in time.

3) The Reverse Osmosis Hand Pump; you specifically inquired as to where this project stands.

In 1983 we were approached by Harlan Jacobs, as a representative of a R.O. membrane manufacturer to develop a hand powered pump incorporating R.O. technology for the desalinaztion of water in emergency powerless situations. After a year of serious attempts at such, in cooperation with engineers of Israeli industry we determined that we could not do so. Filmtec, the membrane manufacturer turned to Wanner Engineering, its pumps supplier to do so and they had the engineering capability and experience to do so. (The process has since been patented) Recovery Engineering was set up as a daughter company to exploit the patent and to produce the handpump. Yahel was offered a licensing agreement for Israel. The primary market under investigation by Recovery is the military. In any case, here in Israel the civilian boating market is miniscule. As this technology is capable of filtering out Nuclear, Bacteriological or Chemically contaminated water this product is of great interest for both the U.S. as well Israeli Armies. We submitted the pump, final proto-type and accompanying specs and test requirements of the U.S. Navy to the IDF approximately 5 months ago. We are in very close touch with them and they are continuing their evaluations. Recovery is unwilling at this point in time to offer Yahel other markets.

David Levitt;

I have on various occassions spoke with David about Yahel and our interest in diversifying from agriculture to industry. In most cases Nat Hess has served to bring us together. Our last contact was about 20 months ago regarding the possibility of Yahel producing a tomato packaging material to enable successful tomato imports of crops grown offshore. David informed me that they had chosen the Spanish market and so ended that project.

JAN 11 '88 09:27 KIBBUTZ VAHEL

I hope that these responses answer your specific questions, I would be happy to provide more details should you desire.

Regards,

UM Gyo

Hadas

YAHEL POPULATION CENSUS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1987

Chaverim	42
Chaverot	36
Candidates	8
Absorbees	4
Permanent Residents	4
Shnat sherut	5
Garin Kaveh*	8
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Total	127

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Children Children	of Yahel members permanent residents Shnat Sherut	43 3 4
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10th January, 1988

Pabbi Steve Schafer 16 Leeward Cawpet Bay West St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802 U.S.A.

Dear Steve:

I feel that it is of the utmost importance for you and Len to visit Yahel at the earliest possible opportunity for the following reasons:

- To enable you to receive an indepth understanding of Yahel's situation vis a vis meetings with persons and agencies responsible for Yahel's economic growth and development.
- 2) To afford you the opportunity to meet the key personnel involved in Yahel's decision making structure and establish a rapport with them.
- To evaluate Yahel's relative advantages and disadvantages vis a vis industry.
- To review and analyze the strategies that have been employed to date in our efforts to industrialize Yahel.
- 5) To review projects that have been evaluated by Yahel and develop a better understanding of Yahel's requirements, capabilities, and limitations.

I would like to suggest the following tentative itinerary;

- Day 1 International flight and local flight directly to Yahel.
- Day 2 Tour of Yahel, Briefing on region, meetings with Kibbutz Personnel.
- Day 3 Tour of Regional Enterprises, Yotvata Dairy, Meeting with regional functionaries. Tour of regional experimental station, and mariculture research institute.
- Day 4 Travel to Tel-Aviv meeting with Mr. Spitzer and United Kibbutz Movement representatives.
- Day 5 Meeting with Jewish Agency, and Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

Day 6 Summary with Yahel in North. Late night departure.

I suggest that in order to proceed in a manner that will produce tangible results a full understanding and update of the Israel scene is essential and should be undertaken as soon as possible.

The budget for such a trip must be discussed immediately between Yahel and the Reform Movement order to determine how the trip will be financed. I estimate that the budgetary requirements would include:

Air Fare @ \$1,000 Ground transportation and out of Pocket expenses @\$200 Local Transportation Israel Hotels Israel	\$2,000 400 700 400 250
Meals	

Total:

\$3,750



SUGGESTED MEETINGS FOR YAHEL INDUSTRIALIZATION FACT FINDING TOUR

- Economic Manager re: manpower, present production capability, report on regional ASD, Regional enterprise activities, relationship with the Jewish Agency, the Eilot Regional Council, and the Ministry of Housing.
- General Secretary re: relationship with the United Kibbutz Movement, the Reform Movement, internal social update, activites in coordination with the Sociotechnical division of the Kibbutz Industries Association.
- Treasurer re: Yahel's financial situation, future projections, relationship with settlement agencies.
- Absorption coordinator re: present absorption activities, absorption of skilled people, future absorption program.
- 5) Building Manager re: future building activities and requirements.
- Yahel Seminar Center Manager re: update of efforts to further develop Yahel Seminar Center.
- Aloe Vera Project Manager re: project implementation update, business plan review, marketing plan and marketing assistance.
- Industry Search Project Coordinator re: complete review of past efforts and investments, including search strategies, project evaluation process.
- 9) Consulting Industrial Engineer: Yahel has employed the services of Mr. Spitzer for 4 years to assist in the evaluation of project proposals. Spitzer has been ilvolved in setting up dozens of Kibbutz factories over the past 30 years.
- Head of the Regional Council re: regional development, relationship between the region and various government branches and agencies.
- Director of Regional Experimental Station re: attempts to identify new viable agricultural products.
- Director of Regional Enterprises re: update of present activities and future plans.
- 13) Director of the Regional Aquaculture project in Eilat.
- 14) Directors of the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency.
- 15) Director of Rural Industrialization of the Jewish Agency.
- 16) Director of Rural Industrialization of the the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

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- 17) Secretary General of the United Kibbutz Movement.
- 18) Economic Manager United Kibbutz Movement.
- 19) Chairman United Kibbutz Movement Industrial Division.
- 20) Head of the Kibbutz Industries Association.

I will contact you in the near future in order that we may further discuss this proposal. Your comments and suggestions are warmly welcomed.

B'Vracha, TU

Hadas

Ami Gipps;

cc: Jamie Friedman; Economic Manager-Yahel Hillel Tobias ; Treasurer-Yahel General Secretary-Yahel KIBBUTZ YAHEL D.N. HEVEL EILOT 88850 ISRAEL

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FACSIMILE SUMMARY SHEET

DATE 11/30/87

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FROM Hillel Tobias- Kibbutz Yahel	60
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30th November, 1987

Rabbi Dick Hirsch Executive Director W.U.P.J. 838 Fifth Ave N.Y. 10021 U.S.A.

LINKAGE UPDATE

Rabbi Alexander Schindler President U.A.H.C. 838 Fifth Ave N.Y. 10021 U.S.A.

Dear Friends,

At a second meeting with the Settlement Department Assistant Director Avraham Dagan (Boda) today, we investigated the solution that Nissim Zvilli presented to you and the following situation became clear:

DEBT FIGURES

	PRESENTED & ACCEPTED BY NISSIM ZVILLI 16/11/87	TO 30/9/87 DATE CHOSE FOR TREATM OF ALL SET	NENT
	\$000's	\$000's	
LONG TERM DEBT	4,785	4,902	
SHORT TERM DEBT	1,125	1,153	
FINANCIAL ASSETS	-880	-901	_
NET DEBT	\$5,030	\$5,154	_
	ORIGINAL FIGURES PRESENTED BY SETTLEMENT DEPT. IN N. ZVILLI'S LETTER 16/11/87	CORRECTED FIGURES AS RECOMMENDED BY A. DAGAN ON 30/11/87	NECESSARY TREATMENT OF YAHEL'S DEBT
	\$000's	\$008's	\$000's
DEBT WRITE OFF	1,275	1,900	2,154
CONVERSION	1,900	1,900	1,900
HOUSING DEBT	1,100	1,100	1,100
DEBT TREATED	\$4,275	\$4,900	\$5,154
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The basic difference between the solution offered by Avraham Dagan and a real solution to our debt problem is NOT based on a difference of opinion as to the accuracy of the numbers, rather on his insistance in calculating the proposed solution according to an arbitrary updating of old numbers from the 30/9/86. This leaves him with figures that are inconsistent with the June 1987 numbers which Nissim Zvilli acknowledged as being accurate in his letter to you of the 16/11/87.

We think that there is room to firmly demand that the Yahel Debt problem be adequately dealt with according to the figures which we presented and which they acknowledged as being accurate.

The difference between what the Jewish Agency is offering and a real solution to the problem is an additional debt write off of \$253,000.

Thank you for your genuine concern and support in this regard.

Yours, sincerely

Hillel Tobias Treasurer

cc: Rabbi Eric Yoffie - A.R.Z.A Meir Azari - Telem Ami Gips Mattityahu Sperber Hadas Levin NOV 29 '87 02:44 KIBBUTZ VAHEL

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Dote 27.11.87 by FAX

Rabbi Richard Hirsch Executive Director WUPJ 838 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10021 U.S.A.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler President UAHC 838 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10021 U.S.A.

Dear Friends:

I met with the Settlement Department Deputy Head Boda and received an explanation of his recommendation for debt restructuring. It is clear to us now that there is some \$800,000 missing from their suggested debt write-off. This is a result of a simple mistake in his calculation. I am to meet him on Monday, 30th November, until which time he is to do homework on the subject. It is clear to me that thereafter we will need to approach Nissim Zvilli explaining the inadequacy of his program and press for a correction of an additional \$800,000 which his colleague omitted.

Thank you for your action and support in this regard.

Yours,

Hillel Tobias Treasurer

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16/11	/87
To: Rabbi Richard Hirsch Haya Rabbi A. Schindler exte	H holel WI 436%
He: Yahel's financial state	
1. We are aware of Yahel's financi	al state and the figures you
mentioned are correct.	to warse and regular functioning
of the kibbutz was practically advanced the sum of 1 million to and comfortable conditions in o decrease the buden of interest. functioning is regular as plant	US\$ in March, on a long term basis order to continue functioning and . And indeed, Yahel's current med.
should be given to settlements the heavy debts and finance reason, we are going to propos Jewish Agency, to find financi to write off part of the settl other part on a long term basi interest).	e, in February, to the BOG of the al resources which will enable ements' debts and to converse the s and low interest (20 years, 4%
4. Within such programme, Yahel i	s included with the following data:
Debt write off -	\$ 1.275 million
conversion 20 years, 4% -	\$ 1.900 million
present housing debt in excellent conditions	\$ 1.100 million
Total	\$ 4.275 million
If Yahel's income is taken int	to account, then the whole debt is
5. We are sure that such a plan when the issue is raised will receive your full support	will free the settlements and hope for approval, next February , we t.
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- 6. As soon as a proposal for establishing means of production in Yahel is presented to us, we shall study the detailed plan in accordance with the data provided. Any confirmation for establishing means of production should follow an indepth study of the situation, including the settlement's financial resources. Obviously, we could not allow establishing means of production without the appropriate financial resources (including Jewish Agency's financial aid)
- 7. We appreciate very much your concern and guidance to your settlement. We believe that if we succeed in this plan, Yahel will be freed of its debt very shortly.
- a. Finally I would like to note that any guarantee agreement is subordinated to the BOG of the Jewish Agency's decision as is allocation of further resources for this objective.

Sincerely yours. Nissim Zvili

cc. Aki va Lewinsky Zvi Barak Yemuda Dekel A. Dagan 02

August 27, 1987 2 Elul 5747

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Lyons 4666 Crayton Road Naples, FL 33940

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Lyons:

Hillel Tobias has told me of your magnificent gift to allow the building of a Day Care Centre at Kibbutz Yahel. For myself and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, as well as the Israel Progressive Movmment, I write to express profound appreciation for this most tangible expression of support. I understand the building is nearing completion and it will undoubtedly be the scene of great activity and joy at the Kibbutz. The child-population is growing the the Kibbutz and the Centre will tryly be a boon to the families of Yahel. You have every right to be pleased and proud of all of your efforts in behalf of the young people of Israel.

I hope one day we will have an opportunity to meet. It would give me great pleasure to express my thanks to you personally. Hillel speaks very highly of you both and, needless to note your devotion to the young people of Israel and the Reform movement is exemplary.

With repeated thanks and best wishes to you and your dear ones for a healthy, happy and fulfilling New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

bcc: Hillel Tobias

August 27, 1987 2 Elul 5747

Mr. Hillel Tobias Kibbutz Yahel Doar Na Eilot 88850 Israel

Dear Hillel:

Enclosed is the letter I have sent to Daniel and Benta Lyons. Thank you for giving me their address so I might express our gratitude.

Thank you, too, for your kind words in regard to the World Zionist Congress election. These are exciting times but there is a tremendous job to be done in the days ahead.

With warm good wishes for a happy, healthy and sweet New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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16th August, 1987

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler President U.A.H.C 838 Fifth Ave New York 10021 U.S.A.

Dear Alex,

I hope that this letter finds both you and Raya in good health.

At our last meeting in Jerusalem I requested that you write a letter to Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Benta Lyons. They have donated \$100,000 for the building of a Day Care Centre, the building of which is now reaching conclusion. Daniel and Benta are members of the Reform Movement and I think they would be very encouraged by a letter from you thanking them for their support in building Yahel and the Reform Movement in Israel. I should mention that in addition to their support of Yahel, they have sponsored the building of a Sports Hall and Computer Centre in Or Akiva, a Development Town near Ceasarea. Their address is: 4666 Crayton Road, Naples, FL 33940.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the support and encouragement you give us. Yeshar Koach on the results of the recent elections to the World Zionist Congress. We believe that the Reform Movement is in the position of translating the electoral achievement to increased involvement and influence in the Jewish Agency and Israel. Our hope is that we gain responsibility for a full department. The settlements wish to be partners in the realization of this goal and hope that we be included in the deliberations and planning prior to the Congress.

Thank you once again.

B'birkat Chaverim

Allel Jabas

Hillel Tobias

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Dote _____ 3rd August, 1987

Rabbi Daniel B. Syme Vice-President U.A.H.C 838 Sth Avenue N.Y. 10021

Dear Danny,

Thank you for making the very special effort to come to Yahel during your last visit in Israel. We are encouraged by your genuine concern for us and the development of Yahel, not only as a Reform Border Settlement, but as an intergral part of the Progressive Jewish Movement.

I shall deal with three issues in this letter:

- a) A response to the questions you raised about Timna.
- b) Our contact with Avraham Kellman of the J.N.F.
- c) The JNF Grant Proposal.
- d) Small Projects.

a) Timna Project: I met with the Regional Council Director, Shlomo Tushinsky, who explained to me the details of the Timna Project which includes future Road development, Museum, Restaurant and Change Rooms. The project is being funded by the J.N.F. and developed in conjunction with the Regional Council and Kibbutz Elifaz.

I also spoke with Avraham Kellman of the J.N.F. about the project. It is clear that the object of the project is to make Kibbutz Elifaz economically independent. There are to date, 250 000 visitors annually. This added development will draw many more in the coming years. It would appear that the benefit to Kibbutz Yahel and Lotan will be marginal. What is important though, is that there is likely to be another economically succesful Kibbutz in the Southern Arava. (Yotvata is the only existing one).

- b) Soon after you left I met with Avraham Kellman. We held a very congenial meeting and established good personal contact. The subjects we dealt with were as follows:
 - 1. The necessity for a plaque in recognition of the Donors.
 - 2. Timna Development.
 - 3. Our specific present requests.
 - 4. Future Development and parameters for "special projects".
 - Intermediate financing of present projects and time table for implementation.
 - 6. Details requested for projects implementation.
- Donors Plaque: It was agreed that the plaque for the development of the area around the library would be placed on our central Donors Board which is on a Central Wall in the Library. It would have a J.N.F. insignia on it and the regular J.N.F. inscription. I requested that the plaques for the other projects be placed on the central Donors Board. Avraham said that they would have to be placed on the projects themselves.

- Timna Project: Avraham explained the Timna Project confirming what I had learnt from Shlomo Tushinsky. In addition, he indicated that the parameters for J.N.F. subsidized activity are flexible if there is a "sponsor" that wants to contribute to a specific project (as in the case of Timna).
- 3. Specific Requests: Avraham had divided our requests into four projects for the purpose of presenting them to potential Donors:
 - i) Library/Synagogue Landscaping
 - ii) Kiddies corner
 - iii) Kiddies corner
 - iv) Childrens playground.
- 4. Parameters for Special Projects: Avraham explained that as long as the project had a sponser and it was generally within the framework of J.N.F. parameters (and this could include buildings as in the Timna case), he would be prepared to support its' implementation through the J.N.F. I should mention here that this could create the problem of the cart and the horse.
- 5. Intermediate financing and timetable for implementation: Avraham explained that only once the commitments were made and the first donations were contributed would the green light for the implementation be given. He estimated approximately four to six months. I enquired as to the possibility that the J.N.F. provide an early start to the project in order to prevent undue damage to the interior of the Library/Synagogue Avraham agreed to this in principle and said that we should meet on his return from the U.S.A. We also discussed Yahel being the contractors for the implementation of the projects.
- Avraham requested details including Maps, photographs and a Yahel Update, all of which have been forwarded to him by courier mail.
- c) The J.N.F. Grant Proposal: In our letter to Mr. Nachmias of the J.N.F. "Gilat", we requested the following:

i)	Library/Synagogue Landscaping	\$55,000
ii)	Childrens Playground	19,000
iii)	Sand - 5000 cubic metres	9,500
iv)	Nursery and Kindergarten Landscaping	24,000
v)	Benches/ Tables and garbage cans for memorial	
	forest, car park and communal areas	3,500
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	TOTAL	\$111,000

After my meeting with Avraham two new issues were raised:

- i) The Housing Ministry agreed to foot the bill for the Nursery and Kindergarted Landscaping.
- ii) The issue of the plaque on the childrens playground was raised at the Yahel General Meeting. Yahel has in the past decided that donations above \$10,000 would be acknowledged on a Donors Board in one place on the Kibbutz - later established as the central wall in the Library Synagogue building. We have negotiated in the past with Donor's for their agreement in our placing their name on this Board of Honor and Gratitude, instead of on the outside of the buildings and projects which they have sponsored.

Yahel members feel that it would be unfitting to now change this decision and have these people exposed to inconsistent policy which would possibly depreciate the value and importance of their gifts.

It would appear from what Avraham has told me that there is no way that the J.N.F. sponsor the childrens playground without a plaque on the project. However, we would appreciate your raising the issue with him as we believe that this Donors Board is indeed a fitting way to honor the Donor. Yahel, on the other hand, will forfeit receiving this necessary gift if there is no way to compromise on the plaque issue.

I should add that all the buildings on the inner ring of the Kibbutz are gifts from the Housing Ministry or other independent donors.

In the event that our appeal to Avraham, which I have written in the attached letter is not acceptable, it is important that the Sand, benches, tables and garbage cans are included in the Library Synagogue project.

d) Small projects: You mentioned during your visit that we should send you a list of small projects for which you might be able to find sponsors who could donate up to \$2,000. Below is a list of projects with their total cost stated in parentheses:

1.	Fitness and exercise equipment	(\$10,000)		
2.	Soccer Field lighting	(\$6,000)		
3.	Soccer Field fencing	(\$5,000)		
4.	Educational equipment for children	(\$10,000)		
	this includes toys, books, Personal computers and media for the childrens houses.			
5.	Sifrei Kodesh - Bibles, Prayerbooks, Mezuzot, Talleisim	(\$3,000)		
6.	Library Operating Budget - Periodicals, Books Xeroxing		annually	
7.	Professional and technical training courses for members	(\$7,000)	annually	

Danny, I know that this letter is somewhat lengthy, however, I have

related to your investment in all seriousness. Once again I thank you very much for your concern and wish you behatzlecha in your joint venture with the J.N.F.. If there is anything I can do to be of assistance please do not hesitate to communicate.

B'birkat Chaverim

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Hillel Tobias Treasurer - Yahel

cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler Rabbi Eric Yaffe Rabbi Eliyahu Levine Ami Gips - Yahel David Bernstein - Yahel

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3rd August, 1987 Dote

Mr. Avraham Kellman American Section Jewish National Fund Jerusalem.

Dear Avraham

re: Projects for Development by the J.N.F. at Kibbutz Yahel

I would like to thank you for the time and friendship you afforded me at our meeting on the 7-21-87. There are certain issues which I would like to mention that were raised at that meeting and some which are a result of activity "in the field".

1. It was agreed that a plaque for the "Library Gardens" would be placed on the central Donors Board in the Library-Synagogue and is to be the size of the rest of the plaques on that same board (approximately 30×16 cm). The Insignia and wording of the J.N.F would be on the plaque. It was explained that plaques for the additional projects would be required to be attached to the projects which we requested.

2. The source, extent and detail of the Timna project was explained and that its objective is to establish Kibbutz Elifaz as a viable economic entity. It was mentioned that a similar project was not out of the question at Yahel.

3. It was explained that the projects at Yahel were to be divided into four for the purpose of finding donors.

4. You requested maps, photographs, surrounding environment and a Yahel update which are attached to this letter.

5. It was mentioned that we would talk further about the J.N.F. advancing the Library Garden project on your return from the U.S.A.

And, in the field.....

1. The Housing Ministry has agreed to sponsor the development around the nursery and Kindergarten so that we withdraw our request for J.N.F. funding for this project.

2. I raised the issue of attaching the plaque to the Childrens' Playground in the General Meeting and a discussion was held on the subject. It was decided that we would have to withdraw our request for J.N.F. funding of the necessary Childrens' Playground as a result of the "attached plaque". We ask that you reconsider our proposal that this donation be given recognition on our central Donors Board.

At the same meeting I was informed by my chaverim that in the past we negotiated with donors to have a plaque in their honor on a central Donors Board. A change in this policy is likely to damage the honor which we have shown them in the event of a visit at Yahel.

In the event that the abovementioned arrangement is not possible, I wish to request that the other sections of our request (namely sand, benches, tables, and garbage cans) be included in the "Library Gardens" development project.

Once again I thank you for the co-operation and support you give us in the development of our Yishuv. If there is anything I can do to facilitate this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Hillel Tobias Treasurer - Yahel

cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler Rabbi Daniel B. Syme Rabbi Eric Yaffe Ami Gips - Yahel David Bernstein _ Yahel

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לכבוד מר אברהם קלמן קרן קיימת לישראל

אברהם שלום רב,

הנידון: פרויקטים לפיתוח ע"י קק"ל בקיבוץ יהל

ברצוני להודות לך על הזמן וההתיחסות החמה שהקדשת לי בפגישה במשרדך ב-21/7/87. ישנם כמה נושאים שהיתי רוצה להזכירך שהועלו באותו דיון וכמה שנובעים מהתרחשויות בשטח.

- סוכם ששילוט עבור הפרויקט "פיתוח ספריה-ביח כנסת" יהיה על קיר התרומות המרכזי שבספריה-בית כנסת לפי גודל השלטים הנמצאים על הלוח (בערך 16 30 X 16 ס"מ) עם הסמל ולפי הנוסח של קק"ל. הוסבר לי שידרש שילוט סמוך לפרויקטים האחרים שביקשנו. בנוסף, שוחחנו על האפשרות שיהל יהיה הקבלן המבצע את הפרויקט.
- הוסבר מקור, היקף ופירוט פיתוח פרק תמנע ושיעדו הוא העברה ידי קיבוץ אליפז
 בשלב סופי. פרויקט דומה לא היה פסול עבור יהל.
 - .3. הוסבר שהפרויקטים שלנו חולקו לארבע לצורכי גיוס תרומות עבורם.
- ביקשת מפות ותמונות של הפרויקטים ומקומם בעתיד. בנוסף, עידכון על מצבו של יהל. המידע המצורף למכתב זה.
- 5. הוזכר שיש על מה לדבר כאשר תחזור משליחות באמריקה בנושא מקדמה עבור פיתוח בקירבת הבנין.

וההתרחשויות בשטח....

- משרד השיכון הסכים לממן פיתוח מסביב לפעוטון והגן/כוללת, כך שסעיף זה יורד ממסגרת בקשתנו.
- 2. העליתי לאסיפה הכללית דרישת הקרן לשילוט סמוך לפרויקט כלשהו. נערך דיון בנושא והוחלט שנאלץ להסיר את בקשתנו למימיון עבור פרויקט מגרש המשחקים הנחוץ לפיתוח ילדינו, עקב הדרישה לשילוט צמוד. אנחנו חוזרים ומבקשים שתשקול שוב את הצעתנו שתרומה זו תקבל שילוט על קיר התרומות המרכזי שבספריה-בית כנסת. למדתי מחברי שבעבר נהלנו משא ומתן עם תורמים ששלט לכבודם יתלה על קיר שלטים מרכזי ושינוי ממדיניות זו עלול לפגוע בכבודם בעת כבודם ביקורם ביקור.

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REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF KIBBUTZ YAHEL'S SHORT TERM DEBT:

Report on the development of Kibbutz Yahel's short term debt based on the Audit done by Ilan Smamah, Amnon Wagner and Reuven Greenberg of the Jewish Agency in May 1986, based on information from 31 March 1986. (in thousands of Dollars):

Short term debt	3/86 \$1146	9/86 \$1330	1/87 \$1490
Short term repayment of long term deut	506	587	658
Operating loss and independent investment (not including interest)	50	EWIS100	100
	\$1/202	\$2017	\$2248

From the above information it is apparent that a short term debt conversion of \$1,000,000 would not suffice to solve the problem of Yahel's short term debt.

It was agreed at the meeting in Mr. Nissim Zvili's office between representatives of the Jewish Agency, the Reform Movement and Kibbutz Yahel that \$1,000,000 is insufficient to convert Yahel's short term debt and prevent reoccurence of the problem in the short run (as a result of high interest). The whole of the short term debt would be converted. A check will be done on Yahel's economic and social situation.

It should be mentioned that long term debt repayments are actually \$750,000 as a result of additional building since March 1986 and that there are linked long term loans that are at 12% and 13%.

> Hillel Tobias Treasurer

cc: Mr Nissim Zvili Mr Yehuda Dekel Mr Eldad Gissim Mr Avigdor Bar Hai Mr Amnon Wagner Rabbi Alexander Schindler - U.A.H.C. Rabbi Richard Hirch Rabbi Allan Levine David Bernstein

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התנועה

דו"ה התפתחות חוב קצר של קיבוץ יהל מבוסס על בדיקתם של אילן סממה, אמנון וגנר וראובן גרינברג מה-5/86 על נתונים מסוף 3/67.

(באלפי דולרים \$)	3/86	9/86	1/87
חוב קצר	\$1145	\$1330	\$1490
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6th March, 1987

Mr. David Nachmias Jewish National Fund Gilat Nursery

Subject: Budget for Development Projects for Kibbutz Yahel. Reference: Letter of Zeev Kahanov of 11/4/86

Dear Mr. Nachmias:

In regard to our meeting with Mr. Eli Kliger, we were asked to submit requests for development projects for Kibbutz Yahel. Enclosed please find a list of projects that we wish to complete in the coming year. The budgetary requirements are based upon estimations of cost to carry out these projects in the near future.

- 1) Funding of 82,500 NIS (US\$ 52,000) for landscaping and completion of the Library and Synagogue project presently under construction.
- 2] Children's Playground; This project will be carried out by a contractor. Our estimated budgetary requirements are 25,875 NIS (US\$ 16,200). This budget does not include lighting which will require a budget of \$4,900 NIS (US\$ 3,100). We are prepared to begin this project immediately.
- Landscaping Sand; 5,000 cubic meters of landscaping sand for newly established neighborhoods and the Library-Synagogue areas and the Public areas of the Kibbutz. This project could be carried out by the Jewish National Fund or by a contractor. The cost of this project is: 1 cubic meter X 3.45NIS X 5000 cubic meters= 17,250 NIS (US\$ 10,800) We are prepared to embark upon this project immediately.
- 4) Landscaping and Outdoor Facilities for New Nursery School and Kindergarden; Budget required: 39,600 NIS (US\$ 24,750), to be carried out in May 1987.
- 5] Memorial Grove; 4 sets of picnic tables. Budgetary requirements: 322 NIS X 4 = 1288 NIS (US\$ 800.)

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6) Benches for New Neighborhood; 10 benches of the "Tarshis Model" are required. Budget requirement: 287.5 X 10 = 2,875 NIS (US\$ 1,800)

7) Refuse Bins: (Tarshis Model) we require 20 receptacles for the new neighbohood, parking lot, memorial grove. Budget requirement: 20 X 103.5 = 2,070 NIS (US\$ 1,300)

The total budgetary allocation that we request for 1987 is 176,408 NIS, (US\$ 110,255).

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We look forward to your cooperation and assistance in bringing these projects to fruition.

Sincerely,

Mazkirut Kibbutz Yahel

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cc: Mr. Zeev Kahanov, Jewish National Fund Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Union of American Hebrew Congregations Rabbi Richard Hirsch, World Union for Progressive Judaism Rabbi Allan Levine, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Israel Rabbi Daniel Syme, Union of American Hebrew Congregations Rabbi Eric Yoffie, ARZA Mr. Shlomo Tushinsky Hevel Eilot Regional Council December 23, 1986 21 Kislev 5747

Kibbutz Yahel D.N. Elot 88850 Israel

Dear Chaverim:

Before we turn around Kibbutz Yahel will be celebrating its Bar Mitzvah year; after all your tenth anniversary seems to have come upon us almost overnight! When I think back to the creation of Yahea and recall the wide vistas and views of sandy desert and the windswept barren land of the Arava and then compare it to the reality of today, I cannot but be amazed. Kibbutz Yahel is a proud, living, active oasis of life and growth, applace of green fields and colorful flowers, the voices of happy children ring out over the land, your achievements are many and you have grown to become a wonderful community. And while the struggle to survive and flourish remains, you have really wrought a minor miracle in a relatively brief span of time. All of you have reason to be filled with pride.

Indeed the entire Reform Movement shares your joy on this special anniversary. We take pride in your growth and your accomplishments. We hope you will feel our presence in your midst as you gather together for a Shabbat of prayer and thanksgiving at having reached this milestone. And even as you pause in your simcha to rededicate yourselves to the strengthening of Yahel, we, too, stand ready to continue to support the work of your hands and your hearts in every way possible.

For the Union of American Hebeew Congregations, and for Rhea and me personally, a warm and hearty mazal tov. May the beautiful promise of this tenth anniversary continued to be fulfilled in the days and years ahead.

With warmest regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

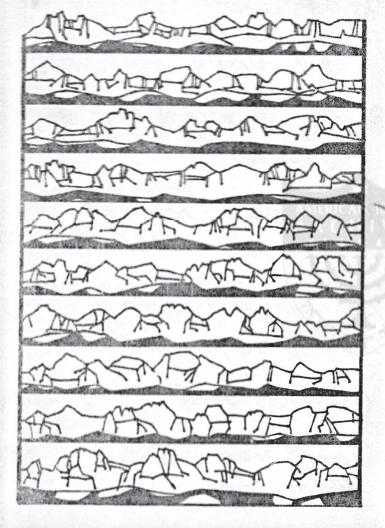
Mr. Aron Hirt-Manheimer

December 22, 1986 29 Kislev 5747

We ought to make certain that something appears in Reform Judaism concerning the celebration of Kibbutz Yahel's Tenth Anniversary. The festivities will take place at the Kibbutz on January 30-31, 1987. I don't know how the timing will work out but perhaps you can arrange to receive some pictures or a few written paragraphs from the Kibbutz.

The best way to contact them is through Deddie Lewensohn in our Schlichim's, they have a FAX machine and can easily get a message to our Israel office which will, in turn, contact the Kibbutz and tell them of gour needs.

Thank you.



KIDDUTZ Yahels D.N. 6607 88850 TSRAW you are cordially invited to celebrate with us on the occasion of our tenth anniversary our celebration will take place on january 30-31 29 tevet - 1 shevat at kibbutz yahel If you wish to attend RSVP to lisa at yahel by january 9 (059) 74220,71079 Men ann. HM

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Kibbutz Yahel D.N. Eilot, 88850 Israel

Dear Mr. Gerakd Daniel Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk Rabbi Charles Kroloff Rabbi Gunther Plaut Rabbi Alexander Schindler

We at Yahel were disapointed to hear that the prolonged negotiations with the Jewish Agency over the grant proposal appear to be leading nowhere. At the risk of seeming presumptious we would like to contribute both information and some ideas on how we think the Agency could be approached.

The movement here is still, as you know, small and we have yet to organize and define our priorities in order to be most effective. We at Yahel cannot speak for all of the kehillot and projects that exist but, Rn the areas where we are most intensively involved we can say clearly that funds are lacking to build the library/synagogue at Yahel, the library at Lotan and for Tzofei Telem youth centers in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa. Of even greater significance, the operating budgets of Tzofei Telem and Netzer Olami are in continual jeopardy despite the fact the the United Kibbutz Movement funds approximately half of these "Reform Youth Movements."

The groundwork has been laid. The materials have been presented. It's time the Reform Movement took a hard line in worrying about itself in Israel. We believe that we must demonstrate to the Sochnut that we are serious. We do not need to launch a public campaign against the UJA, but rather we should simply isolate six to ten Reform givers who can be convinced to channel their contribution to Israel through the Reform movement and to let the Jewish Agency know that this \$300,000 - \$500,000 is the tip of the iceberg if they insist on not working together with us. It's unfortunate that one has to operate this way, but unless we can demonstrate to them that we mean business they will either continue to delay any response or they will make a symbolic gesture which they will try to convince us to accept as a "foothold in the door." We don't need any more of these "footholds." What we need is ongoing real support for the Reform Movement's capital and operational needs in order to guarantee their successful development and growth. A decision by the Reform Movement to back down now from a confrontation with the Jewish Agency can only be justified if we are willing to take it upon ourselves to fund these projects. Are we ready and capable of making such a committment?

We believe that many of the projects listed in the grant proposal are important not only to increase the "Reform presence" in Israel but in order to create the type of Jewish State that we as Reform Zionists so much want Israel to be. We are still idealistic enough to believe that the creation of Zionist Youth Movements, in Israel and the diaspora, and the development of kibbutz, rural, and urban kehillot, where settlers MEMORANDUM

From Yoav Peck

Date November 19, 1985

To Rabbi Alexander Schindler

Copies Yehuda Peleg, Simmy Ziv-El, Stephen Schafer, Eric Yoffie, Dan Syme, Deddi Lewensohn Subject Meeting with TAKAM representatives

Alex,

Thank you for the warmth and openness with which you received Foggy and Simmy on Wednesday. TAKAM is truly the Reform Movement's most consistent friend in Israel, and our meeting underlined the importance of maintaining open lines of communication. Here is the summary of our discussion:

1) We agreed that formation of a U.A.H.C. "Settlement Committee" is a good idea. Such a committee would give the Reform Movement in America and the Reform settlements in Israel a permanent tool for maintaining close contact with each other and would enable the settlements to communicate their needs and concerns to representatives of the major arms of the American Movement. You recommended that Eric Yoffie and Dan Syme cooperate in selecting and inviting the chairperson and representatives of the various Reform institutions to join the Settlement Committee, and that Eric should coordinate the committee's meetings. The committee should be composed of one leadership person from each of the following: CCAR, HUC, Youth Division, International Education Department, the Central Shaliach, ARZA, Sisterhood. This list may need revision. The chairperson will maintain contact with the general secretaries of the three settlements and with the coordinator of the TAKAM-Reform Movement Steering Committee in Israel.

Clearly, the above is a skel ton proposal which needs to be fleshed out. We agreed that the formation of a Steering Committee will facilitate efficient cooperation between the American Movement and the Reform settlements.

- 2) We asked that you intervene with Arye Dulzin, when he is healthy, with regard to unfulfilled W.Z.O. committments to the Reform Movement. You said that you would do whatever you could to have Dulzin issue instructions for payment of back allocations and also for renewal of the one half shlichut that was removed in 1983. (See addendum)
- You expressed willingness to assist the Aliya Desk in raising consciousness in the movement about Israel programs, particularly the long-term programs,

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and about Garin Arava and Garin Galil. I will submit material to you for inclusion in the Rabbinic mailings.



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