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Eddie,

Enclosed is draft cover letter
to the Hartford Courant, 285 Broad
St. Hartford, 06106 — And
slight changes in Alex's ap ed to
update the legislation. Many
thanks.

Happy Holi days!

Lama Cee

Suggested Edits

TITLE: The Crisis of Conscience and Our Children

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April 16, 1992
13 Nisan 5752

Mr. Bill Williams
Hartford Courant
285 Broad Street
Hartford, CT 06106

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Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

CC: ALL TO LAURA LEE SIMON

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Called 4/27/92

they'll use it
as a letter
not op-ed
piece
I said OK

THE CRISIS OF CONSCIENCE AND OUR CHILDREN

Five years ago, computers estimated that the five billionth human being had been born upon this earth. In all probability, it was a girl, they said, living in Asia or sub-Saharan Africa; in all probability, she was malnourished and may no longer be alive.

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- * Our state ranks 40th in low birthweight babies born to non-whites (low birthweight accounts for 2/3 of all infant deaths within the first month of life). Twenty-five percent of pregnant women receive no pre-natal care until the third trimester.
- * We rank first in the nation in our percentage of AIDS-infected people who are children.
- * Some 3,5000 of Connecticut's children live in shelters, 20% of them with parents who are employed. Ninety thousand of our youngsters live in poverty; in Hartford, this means one out of two.

Even if our five billionth human being had managed to weather these and other perils during her first five years, her future would hardly be assured. Her future educational performance would likely be under par, her work skills weak, her employment record spotty. Good chance she would become a mother before age 18, without the benefit of a committed partner. Her personal tragedy would thereby become the tragedy of society, which we see multiplying daily: in the prisons that are being built faster than schools, while schools become fortresses (on an average day

in America, 135 students bring guns to school); in the million teenage pregnancies that occur yearly, the highest rate in the industrialized world; in the million or more drug abusers, and the millions more who abuse alcohol; in the fiscal deadlock, deepening alienation, violence and malaise that pervade our culture and strangle even our sense of hope.

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by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler



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

January 9, 1992
4 Shevat 5752


Ms Laura Lee Simon
Connecticut Commission on Children
450 Broad Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Laura Lee:

Enclosed is the requested article for the Connecticut Commission. I trust this is what you had in mind, but feel free to make any changes you wish. I simply can't think of a clever title.

With fond regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,



Alexander M. Schindler

The Crisis of Conscience & Our Children

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Editorial for Connecticut Commission on Children

Edie Miller

DRAFT COVER LETTER:

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Hartford, CT 06106

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Alexander M.

Schindler

Edie
212 249 0100

April 28, 1992
25 Nisan 5752

Mark W. Greenstein, Administrator
Washington Hebrew Congregation
3935 Macomb Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mark:

David Saperstein has told me of your incredible helpfulness in the recent litigation concerning tax deductibility of synagogue dues and high holiday tickets. He has praised you highly and rightly so, for I know that your service as an expert witness was not merely a cut and dried response to a few questions. I understand that you had to delve into areas of synagogue practice for which no manuals have yet been created, seeking answers to questions which do not fall within the normal for your day to day work in the congregation.

A mere thank you seems trite in the face of the extraordinary effort you have given to this task. But what better expression is there than todah rabbah, thank you.

None of us will know the outcome of this case for quite some time but David feels that your remarkable contribution, not only in preparing for the case but the manner in which you responded to the questions, has significantly enhanced the possibility of our prevailing.

Either way, and, of course, I pray we do come out victorious, your role has been critical and the entire movement owes you a debt of gratitude.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Please drop
note of appreciation for
to Mark.

Paul S.

MEMORANDUM

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April 27, 1992

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
TO: Rabbi David Saperstein
COPY: Melvin Merians, Rabbi Joseph Glaser
Joseph Bernstein

Thank you for letting me know about the extraordinary job that Mark Greenstein did in connection with the recent litigation involving the tax deductibility of dues and high holiday tickets of synagogue members. I will write Mark, of course, to thank him for our entire religious community. We are indebted to him.

On the other hand, we ought not to forget the fact that you were the one who alerted the Jewish community to the dangers inherent in this case and then proceeded to pull all of the necessary strings to achieve an integrated response. So we are not only indebted to Mark, but to you as well. Although our appreciation of you is dampened to some extent by the fact that we have come to expect all of this excellence from you.

Is there any way in which Mark's input can be utilized for the entire Reform Jewish community? I am sending a copy of this memo to Joe Bernstein in the hope that he will communicate with Mark. Your evaluation of what this case suggests for changes in synagogue practice of course will also be most helpful and welcome.

My heartfelt thanks.

RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER
OF REFORM JUDAISM

April 22, 1992

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

Dear Alex:

As you know, we have just concluded very difficult litigation involving the tax deductibility of the dues and high holiday tickets of synagogue members. Two expert witnesses were needed from the Jewish community to buttress the IRS position that these deductions were appropriate. Mark Greenstein, executive director of Washington Hebrew Congregation, was one of them. Of the two witnesses, (the other was an expert on Jewish thought), Mark's task was far and away the most difficult.

I want you to know what a phenomenal job he did. He put together a significant amount of information about synagogue practices that had never been compiled before in one place, brushed up on a great deal of information which he doesn't always have to address, and was very effective in court.

Mark put in endless hours preparing for the case and, in doing so, has made an extraordinary contribution to the entire Reform movement -- indeed, to the entire Jewish community. He brought honor to NATA and to Washington Hebrew in the professional and effective manner in which he carried himself throughout.

I have no idea how this will turn out. We may not have a decision for a year. But Mark's contribution significantly enhanced the possibility we will prevail.

I will be putting together an evaluation of what this case suggests for changes in synagogue practices which I strongly recommend should be distributed to all synagogues.

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Finally, let me also express my deep appreciation to Earl Colson, Myron Schoen, Henry Fruhauf, Julian Feldman -- and particularly, to Joe Glaser, all of whom participated actively and thoroughly in the deliberations and strategizing and contributed immensely to this effort.

Sincerely,



David Saperstein

cc: Mel Merians
Rabbi Walter Jacob
Rabbi Joseph Glaser
Norman Fogel
Joe Bernstein
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Rabbi Eric Yoffie
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Rabbi Henry Michelman



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April 7, 1992

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

Miss [unclear]

yes [unclear] 4/19/92

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

It is a true delight to announce that Robert H. Ahmanson and Vidal Sassoon, two of this city's outstanding citizens, will receive the prestigious Recognition of Goodness Award at the second annual Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers/ADL Dinner. The dinner will be held on Thursday, June 11, 1992 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

The Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers' primary purpose is to give financial help to Christians who, fifty years ago, risked their lives and the lives of their families to save Jews during the Holocaust. Although, essentially only three years old, this Foundation is now giving monthly stipends to over nine hundred such quiet heroes who, without such aid, would be living their last years in poverty rather than the sustenance and the dignity their past deeds warrant.

Because the Foundation responds to the debt due these morally courageous individuals and furthers Jewish-Christian understanding, it is a cause for which Bob, Vidal and I care about deeply.

I would like to invite you to join the dinner committee and lend your assistance to making this event a tremendous success.

Serving as a dinner committee member will take very little of your time. In addition to the dinner itself on June 11th, which of course we want you to attend, there will be one committee meeting with a cocktail reception, on Thursday, May 7, 1992, at the Bistro located at 246 North Cannon Drive Beverly Hills. A response card is enclosed for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please call Carol Weir at ADL (310) 446-2000. I look forward to working with you on this very exciting event. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Sincerely,

Jack I. Salzberg
Honorary Dinner Chairman

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P.S. Please note change of date from May 29th, to the new date, Thursday, June 11th.

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April 9th, 1992

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

On Monday the 21st of September, 1992, America will pay tribute to Dr. Edward Teller on his eighty fourth birthday at a gala dinner in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

We cordially invite you to join the National Tribute Committee under the distinguished patronage of four former Presidents of the United States: The Honorable Jimmy Carter, Gerald R. Ford, Richard M. Nixon and Ronald Reagan.

We enclose an up-to-date list of the Dinner Committee which is still in formation.

Throughout his life Dr. Teller distinguished himself by his commitment to excellence. His countless achievements in science and technology will be indelibly written on the pages of American history. Dr. Teller pioneered the development of nuclear power which in large measure secured our national freedom and international peace. For those who treasure liberty he deserves our everlasting gratitude.

The American Israel Economic Corporation is proud to co-host this event with The Teller Foundation in recognition of Dr. Teller's active identification with the political, and economic aspirations of the State of Israel especially in the field of high technology.

By agreeing to have your name listed on the Dinner Committee you will not assume any financial liability or administrative responsibility.

Please confirm the acceptance of this personal invitation by returning the enclosed response card in the self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mordecai Hacoheh
Chairman of the Board

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

March 24, 1992
19 Adar II 5752

Sarah Brady
Chair
Center to Prevent Handgun Violence
1225 Eye Street, N.W.
Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Sarah:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and the news that you have been named Chair of the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence. This undertaking is a critical one and I am delighted that you will be involved in a program which will provide for education and research which initiates programs aimed primarily at preventing teen suicide, accidental child shootings and young people from carrying and using guns. It is crucial that youngsters in that early age group of pre kindergarten through grade school be involved in such an educatory process.

The benefit for this work being planned for June 8, 1992 is a wonderful idea. I have but one regret, I am already scheduled to be in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on that day and I simply cannot change my plans.

I am honored, however, to be invited to serve as a member of the host committee. If you feel my name will be important on the roster, even though I cannot accept your invitation to speak in support of your work at the June 8th event, I will be delighted to be listed on the committee for this very critical undertaking.

I hope all is well with you and Jim. Rhea and I send you both my fond regards and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Sarah Brady

March 17, 1992

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I wanted you to know that I've recently had the honor of being named Chair of the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, a 501(c)(3) education and research organization that initiates programs aimed primarily at preventing teen suicides, accidental child shootings and young people from carrying and using guns. In fact, we have developed a pre-K - 12 Grade school curriculum that is being introduced in five major schools districts this year, including New York City Public Schools and Los Angeles Schools, among others. The Center is also working with the American Academy of Pediatrics to develop a program that will encourage pediatricians to help bring our life-saving messages to children and their parents as part of a complete injury prevention program.

The Center is planning its first-ever benefit for the gun violence prevention movement here in Washington, DC, on June 8, 1992. I would like to invite you to become an integral part of this event by serving as an honorary member of its Host Committee. I was pleased to learn the Center will take this opportunity to honor my husband, Jim. This will also give us an opportunity to thank the many generous people who have helped with our national campaign to prevent gun violence. The purpose of the evening will be to heighten the awareness of the tragedy of gun violence, and draw national attention to the Center's many educational programs aimed at combatting the escalating violence on our streets and in our schools. We anticipate that a large number of our friends from the political world, the media and the entertainment community will attend.

Jim and I would be truly honored if you could attend the June 8th event, and we would like your permission to include your name on our program as a member of the Host Committee. We would be especially pleased if you would say a few words about your support of the movement.

With your participation, this event will motivate all those who attend to redouble their efforts to help diminish gun violence in America. I'll give you a call in the next couple of days to see if you will be able to join us.

Thank you so much for your support.

Best regards,


Sarah Brady
Chair

*Hi do you
from Jim, too!*

February 10, 1992

Rabbi Alex Schindler
UAHC
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

These Only *no further*

Dear Alex,

On May 4, 1992, the New Israel Fund will formally announce the establishment of the Ira Silverman Leadership Fund, as part of an event honoring the leaders and long-time friends of the Fund. I am writing to invite you to join me on the host committee for this special evening.

As you probably know, Ira was deeply committed to the New Israel Fund. He worked with the Fund since its inception in 1979, first serving as a member of the Advisory Board and later as a member of the Board of Directors (1983 - 86). Ira was renominated to the Board last spring and was looking forward to being actively involved with New Israel Fund during 1992.

Because of your own commitment to Israel and special relationship with Ira, I suggested to the Fund that we ask you to be on the committee for the reception. As a committee member, your name will appear on the evening's invitation. I also hope you will want to make a contribution to the Ira Silverman Leadership Fund, which will support the next generation of Israeli leaders.

The reception and formal inauguration ceremony of the Leadership Fund will take place on May 4, 1992, at the Vivian Beaumont Theater at Lincoln Center from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. There will be one planning meeting for committee members, which you are invited to attend. The meeting will be on February 27, 1992, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., at The Hippodrome Building, 1120 Avenue of the Americas (44th Street), Fourth Floor, Conference Room A. *OC*

*-Iraee?
Not back*

This evening will be a wonderful way to honor Ira's commitment to fostering new generations of leadership. I hope you will join me.

Sincerely,

Jane

Jane Silverman

P.S. Please call Marci Resnicoff at the New Israel Fund (212) 302-0066 if you will be able to join us at the committee meeting.

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MEMORANDUM

COPY

December 16, 1991

FROM: Edith J. Miller
TO: Fred Cohen
COPY:

Have we, in the past, made a subvention to the American Committee on U.S.\Soviet Relations? We received a thank you for our former help and a request for \$60.00 dues for 1992. I have no recollection of this. Please let me know if we have given them anything in the past.

*For Fred
never gave
ignore?*

AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON U.S. - SOVIET RELATIONS

December 6, 1991

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Your support over the years has meant a great deal to the American Committee.

It is reassuring to us to know that you support us in our mission to foster improved U.S.-Soviet relations. When the American Committee was first organized in 1974, many people doubted that our goal of a balanced commonsense relationship with the Soviet Union was achievable. You, however, and the other members hoped and believed that things in the Soviet Union could change.

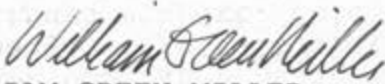
As you well know, that change has finally occurred. And what a change it is! If ever there was a time to ask for your continued support, this is it. Especially now, since giving has dropped way off due to the economy. While our operating costs have risen, our general support is down.

You've supported us over the long term. You know what our mission is. You know our reputation, our programs, and our publications.

That's why we are making a special appeal. In addition to this year's membership renewal, would you please consider making a one-time additional contribution? No amount is too small--just let us know the amount with which you feel comfortable on your enclosed renewal invoice. And if an extra contribution is not possible this year, we will certainly understand.

As the holiday season approaches, all of us at the American Committee wish you a very happy holiday and a healthful, joyous, and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,


WILLIAM GREEN MILLER
President


ROBERT E. BERLS, JR.
Deputy Director

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STATEMENT OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

TO: Rabbi Alexander Schindler
American Hebrew Congregations
838 5th Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Date: December 6, 1991

1992 ANNUAL DUES: \$60

____ YES! Enclosed is my annual, tax-deductible contribution of \$60. I still support improved U.S.-Soviet relations and the work of the American Committee in furthering them.

____ AND YES! I have added an additional amount, which is also tax-deductible, of \$_____. I realize that the American Committee's traditional sources of funding are being squeezed.

____ UNFORTUNATELY, it is not possible for me to help with an additional contribution. I know you will understand.

Please make your check payable to the AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, and send it, along with this invoice, to us at...

American Committee on
U.S.-Soviet Relations
109 Eleventh Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003-3997

If there are any changes in your mailing address, please note them above.

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December 24, 1991
17 Tevet 5752

Harriet Green
President
NA'AMAT USA
200 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Harriet:

I was delighted to learn of your re-election to the Presidency of NA'AMAT USA. I am confident you will continue to lead this fine organization with devotion and dedication.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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December 13, 1991

Dear Organization Leader:

It is with great pleasure that we advise you of the re-election of Harriet Green as National President of NA'AMAT USA during our recent convention in Israel.

May we go from strength to strength during her administration.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Holtz
Administrative Assistant

Handwritten signature/initials

November 19, 1991
12 Kislev 5752

Lydia Kukoff
Associate Director
Avi Chai
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York, NY 10017-3803

Dear Lydia:

It was good to learn that you have accepted a position with Avi Chai. As you know, I am well acquainted with the work of Avi Chai and I am confident you will serve the organization with devotion and dignity. You have much of value to bring to their work and I wish you all the best. May you find fulfillment and satisfaction, personally as well as professionally from your association with this fine group.

There are undoubtedly many areas of mutual concern in which our two organizations will find opportunities to work together in behalf of the Jewish people. Indeed, it was heartening to know that so many Reform congregations have been the recipients of Avi Chai grants for their work in education.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

15 November

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Avraham Y. HaCohen
Executive Director

Dear Alex,

I have accepted the position of Associate Director of Avi Chai. In that capacity, and working under the direction of Avraham Ha Cohen, I will be heading the North American operations of the Foundation. As you know, the mandate of Avi Chai is outreach (in its broadest sense) and ureach, two areas to which I am passionately committed and which I believe will be the most essential to the future of North American Jewry. I know that you also believe in the critical importance of these areas and I look forward to exploring ways in which the Union and Avi Chai can work together in the future.

Cordially,
Lydia

Write Lydia
let me see it for
signature

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September 26, 1991
18 Tishri 5752

David Freilich
Executive Director
ZAHAVI
41 Lochamei Hagetaot Street
P. O. Box 8997
31090 Haifa, Israel

Dear David:

Mazal tov on your new post. It is my fond hope you will derive a full measure of personal and professional happiness and satisfaction from your new responsibilities with ZAHAVI.

The work you are doing sounds very interesting and important, however, I can tell you that it does not fall within the purview of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' program. Our mandate is very clear and we are limited by our Board from making financial contributions to other groups for, after all, we are a not-for-profit institution and thus must use great care in responding to pleases for aid.

I do wish you well and extend best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year for you and your dear ones.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



ז'הבי

האגודה לזכויות המשפחות ברוכות הילדים

ZAHAVI THE ASSOCIATION FOR RIGHTS OF LARGE FAMILIES IN ISRAEL

September 16, 1991

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Pres.
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
835 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021
USA

Dear Alex,

It has been some time since we last met and I hope all is well with you and yours. After a few years as Foreign Affairs Advisor to one of the Labor Party ministers, until the "National Unity Government" (some unity...) collapsed a year ago, I took up a new position as Executive Director of Zahavi. Zahavi is a VERY interesting and unique voluntary organization, one of the larger and more complex ones in Israel and I have found it a tremendous challenge to date. I hope to have the chance to see you again soon, renew our acquaintance and also tell you more about Zahavi.

Israel today faces two paramount national challenges; the absorption of the historic mass immigration which continues to arrive from the Soviet Union, first and foremost by creating jobs, and the promotion of a socially and culturally vibrant state.

THE SHARED CHALLENGE is an exciting program we designed to forge an alliance between Russian Olim (immigrants) and Israel's veteran, largely Sephardic population of large families (four children or more). The program provides employment for Russian Olim and supplemental education for Zahavi children, along with social programming designed to promote closer ties between the two groups.

THE SHARED CHALLENGE is a small group, after school, remedial and enrichment tutorial program. The subjects taught are those which are especially problematic in the Israeli school system, on the one hand, and in which a particularly large number of highly qualified Russian Olim are desperately seeking employment, on the other (mathematics, physics, chemistry, English, computers, music etc.). The program's social aspects are designed to reduce the already existing tensions stemming from the genuine needs of both groups, at a time of severe budgetary constraints.

PROGRAM PARTNERS; The Soviet Jewry Zionist Forum, headed by Natan Sharansky, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Israeli Forum, have all joined Zahavi in the implementation and partial funding of the program.



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RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER • UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
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August 22, 1991
12 Elul 5751

Dr. Yizhak Halbrecht
Institute for Teaching & Research
of the Jewish Family Heritage
Ramat-Gan 52 001
P.O.B. 10116
ISRAEL

Dear Dr. Halbrecht:

Thank you so much for bringing me up to date on your work. The idea you shared is splendid and I was wondering if you might not receive support from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. If you have not sought their assistance, you might wish to consider bringing this project to their attention. I would urge that you write directly to the director, Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 15 East 26th Street, New York, NY 10010.

If there is anything I can do to be of help in this regard, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With every good wish for a healthy, happy and sweet New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH
OF THE JEWISH FAMILY HERITAGE

RAMAT-GAN 52 001 P.O.B. 10116, ISRAEL

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התורה והמצוות
על שם נחום גולדמן

כולל בן עשר משפחות אברהם ואדית שפיגל

August 11, 1991

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Rabbi Schindler

I am sorry that we have lost contact for some time and I hope that you are well and so am I after recovering from the short but very unpleasant Gulf War and the Irakian scuds, one of which exploding not far away from our home.

I hope that we shall have peace for a while " jusqu'a la prochaine derniere..." as the frenchmen scynically used to say after the first world war, I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you in Israel in the not too distant future and to have an opportunity to discuss with you our projects but in the meantime I wish to draw your attention to my letter to my friend Teddy Kollek, who is now recovering from its operation, in which I proposed to him **the creation of a garden in Jerusalem of replicas of tombstones of Jewish scholars and thinkers of the former generations.**

He is considering my proposal which until now is being supported enthusiastically by almost all my good friends in Israel and abroad. It is also possible that we shall create this GARDEN in the Galil (Safed?) to avoid opposition of orthodox Jews to the choice of personalities to be included in our project (Mendelson, Hess and even Heine).

I would be grateful to you for your opinion and eventual support of our project which is part and parcel of our project of photographing as many as possible tombstones of old Jewish cemeteries in the world, which are rapidly disappearing.

Looking forward with anticipation to hear from you, I remain with my warmest wishes for the forthcoming New Year

Most cordially yours


Yitzhak Halbrecht

Thank it's great!
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מר טדי קולן

ראש עיריית ירושלים

ירושלים

שלום רב.

מצורף אני מוכבד לשלוח לך העתקים של כמה מסמכים לתשומת לבך ואשמח מאוד אם
תוכל להקדיש לי מעט מזמנך לשיחה, במיוחד על הצמתי לחוקים בישראל ובראש
ראשונה כמובן בירושלים או בסביבות פארק טיחוד ובו העתקים (רפליקות בלע"ז)
של מסמכים של הרבני עמנו, לדעתי יש לדבר ושיבות חינוכית - הויטוריות שאין
בטוחות ובטוחות שימצאו גם נדבנים למטרה זו. יש להודות לפני שגאור וזה המועד.
ואפשר לשווק במפעל הזה גם את קרן הקיימת לישראל וזהו אף את "יד ושם" אם כי
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אחרים למפעל, אם אנחנו חוק יד לרעיון ולא מראו בו "חלום באטפטיה"

זה לא "חלום" היחיד גם השגשגון היחיד שחזקת אם יש בו תוכן כלשהו... והתחדות.
מי כמון יודע את זה, ולי נראה שיש בו תוכן. מה דעתך?
אשמח מאוד לשמוע את דעתך, ובינתיים כל טובה והרבה בריאות מאחל לך

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"THE FAMILY AS A PROJECT" (translated from the Hebrew text of an article written by Nathan Royi, which appeared in the Daily Newspaper DAVAR on May 7 1991)

THE FAMILY AS A PROJECT
by Nathan Royi

" Professor Halbrecht deals with ROOTS.- He even opened Courses for the teaching of Jewish Grandparenthood".-

On the 25th of April 1949 David Ben Gurion wrote to Mrs Simha Zion , a new Immigrant living in a Maabara in Hadera who just gave birth to her 10th child at the Hadera Maternity Hospital, then under the Direction of Dr.Yizhak Halbrecht, the following letter : " Dr. Halbrecht has brought to my attention the happy event of the birth of your tenth child and also the fact that your family of 12 is living in a single room.- I wish to congratulate you wholeheartedly on this happy event and as recognition of your courage of giving birth to your 10th child under the most difficult conditions which may serve as an example to all Jewish mothers in Israel , I am including a cheque of 100 IP (\$400 at that time) and wish to you and your family all the best .. David Ben Gurion.

Many years have passed since then and Prof. Halbrecht has'nt stopped fulfilling, what he considers as his " mission", to bring to the conscience of Jews everywhere the central role of the JEWISH FAMILY and its Heritage and despite being formally non- religious he emphasizes the importance of the Jewish religion in the preservation of the Jewish identity in the presence , as it did in past, as an integral part Of the Jewish History, Tradition and Culture.

His home in Ramat Gan is a " library" of books in various languages on Jewish History, Philosophy, Culture and Religion as well. Surprisingly enough , not a single book on medicine , his profession for at least 60 years. Its main and almost exclusive interest centers now on the JEWISH FAMILY and its HERITAGE which he considers as playing the central role in the struggle of the Jewish people for survival.

The man who has urged Ben-Gurion in 1949 to create a special Ministry to take care of all the vital problems of the FAMILY in general, and its role in the transmission of its JEWISH HERITAGE, in particular, is now managing an INSTITUTE FOR THE RESEARCH AND TEACHING OF THE JEWISH FAMILY HERITAGE which he has created in 1972 after establishing also a SOCIETY called MORESHET BEITH SABA for similar purposes. Many prominent Jewish personalities in Israel and the Diaspora and in all walks of life , have since joined the Board of Governors of the Institute which is making great efforts to centralize the attention and efforts of the Jewish People and its institutions and organizations to the Jewish Family Heritage and its great potentiality to preserve the Jewish Identity everywhere, but in the Giaspora in particular.

The Institute and the Society Moreshet Beit Saba have been instrumental in introducing the research of their own family roots by all schoolchildren in Israel, at the age of their Bar -or Bat- Mitzwa.

More rectly Prof/Halbrecht has opened courses for the teaching of Jewish Parenthood and Grandparenthood in collaboration with the Beith Berl College in Kfar Saba. aiming to teach Jewish Grandparents, to begin with , to convey the knowledge and the conscience of the Jewish Heritage to their grandchildren./

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The most recent creation of the Institute is THE CENTER FOR THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE JEWISH FAMILY ROOTS, which has been opened at the Beith Hatefutsoth in Tel Aviv and which already contains more than a MILLION photocopies of birth, marriage and death certificates belonging to the Archives of Jewish communities in Poland. All in all these documents give evidence of more than 5 million Jews (their names and professions et cet.) who signed the documents in their various fonctions.

It is Prof. Halbrecht's intention to enlarge the documentary material of the Institute by starting, in the nearest future, to photograph many more archives of Jewish communities in Europe and North Africa and furthermore try to locate Jewish cemeteries in Eastern Europe, still in existence and photograph all their tombstones before their final deterioration or dismantling of the cemeteries by the local authorities. Prof. Halbrecht is also organizing WORLD FAMILY REUNIONS and so far 2 of them (the Jaffe and Eiger families) have already met in Israel last year and many more are planning to gather in 1992 especially sephardic families which will hold their Reunions in Israel on the occasion of the commemoration of the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.

Prof Halbrecht's latest concern are the family roots of the Jewish immigrant from Soviet Russia/ As long as these immigrants will not find their Jewish Roots they are able to remain "immigrants", and not "olim.. it is our duty", he thinks, to help them to reestablish their Jewish roots and thus to be reintegrated into the Jewish Community in Israel in particular and elsewhere also/

חפירת השורשים / נתן רוזי

משפחה זה פרוייקט

בבית-ברל, כדי ללמד-סבים להעביר את מורשת המשפחה לנכדים ולנינים. אבל גולת הכותרת של מפעל חייו, שזכה השנה בפרס יו"ר הכנסת, הוא מפעל המיקרופילים.

כמיליון מיקרופילים של תעודות לידה, נר שואין ופטירה, מתוך הארכיונים של הקהילות היהודיות בפולין, נרכשו, בתיווכו, מוזאגורה הגינאולוגית של המורמונים בארה"ב והועברו לרשות המכון לחקר המשפחה בארץ. כך הגיעו לישראל עדויות על כחמישה מיליון יהודים, שחיו ומתו בין השנים 1820-1900. יש לארכיון הזה חשיבות עצומה בתחומי המחקר הגינאולוגי, הסוציולוגי והדמוגרפי.

לפי שעה הוא ממשיך לפעול לצילום מצבות יהודיות ברחבי העולם. לדעתו, מאות ציורי עץ המשפחה שגמצאים במכון "דורות" ב"בית התפוצות" הם אחד האמצעים לשמירת המורשת המשפחתית היהודית. "זו לא גינאולוגיה אלא אידיאולוגיה", הוא אומר.

ללא לאות הוא מארגן כנסי משפחה של משפחות אשכנזיות, כמו הורוביץ ורפפורט, ומשפחות ספרדיות כמו מיוחס ובן-עטר. הכל כדי לשמור על התא המשפחתי העתידי ולהדק את הקשר אל התא המשפחתי. ללא משאבים כמעט, כשחלק גדול מן ההוצאות יוצא מכיסו הפרטי, הוא נאבק בשיניים למען הגברת המורעות לנושא המשפחה היהודית. "שלושה דברים קיימו את העם היהודי במשך אלפיים שנות גלותו: הדת, הגיטו והמשפחה היהודית. בתקופה שלנו המשפחה היא ראשונה במעלה ועל כן יש לטפח את מורשתה", הוא אומר. פרופסור יצחק הלברכט, שנולד ב-1906 בראדאוו-בוקובינה (כעת רומניה) ועלה לארץ ב-1934, אופה בגלי העלייה הענקיים ומגדיר אותם כ"ברווז המונות". רק אם יהדקו ה"בורוזים" את קשריהם עם מקורותיהם המשפחתיים – הוא אומר – הם ייפכו מ"בורוזים" ל"עולים חדשים".

פרופ' יצחק הלברכט עוסק בשורשים. הוא אפילו פתח קורס לסבאות

ב-25 באפריל 1949 שלח דוד בן-גוריון מכתב לשמחה ציון, תושבת חזרה, בעקבות שיחה שהיתה לו עם המיילד של ילדה העשירי, ד"ר יצחק הלברכט, מנהל בית היולדות של קופ"ח בחררה. למאז הלירות, ששלח כתשורה לבניית הצריף של בני משפחת ציון, צירף בן-גוריון כמה משפטים: "אני מבקש ממך בשם בשם ממשלת ישראל לקבל את השיק הרצוף על טכום של מאה לירות ישראליות כאות הוקרה לגבורתך האמהית והראויה לשמש מופת ודוגמה לאמהות ישראל".

שנים רבות חלפו ופרופסור יצחק הלברכט עדיין ממשיך לפעול להרחבת המורעות לנושא הגרלת המשפחה היהודית ולטיפוחה. כיהודי חילוני, שנאלי בדעותיו, הוא מגלה התעניינות גדולה במיוחד בשורשי המשפחה היהודית. ביתו ברמת-גן הוא ספריה עשירה לחקר ההיסטוריה של העם היהודי. המפתיע הוא, שבבית המשכיל הזה אין, לרפואה, אפילו כרך אחד של ספרי רפואה – אף כי אלה שייכים למקצועו של בעל הבית. זה שנים שהקליניקה שלו מטפלת בעיקר בבכיות היסטוריות של המשפחה היהודית.

האיש, שעורר את בן-גוריון להקים בשנות ה-50 משרד מיוחד בלשכת ראש הממשלה לענייני ילודה, הוא היום מנהל מכון, שעניינו חקר המשפחה היהודית. הוא החל בכך לפני שנים, כשהקים את החברה לתיעוד ותודעה של המורשת היהודית, שעם מייסדיה נמנו גדולי הפרופסורים של מדינת ישראל. החברה הוותיקה ערכה סקרים חשובים בתחום חקר המשפחה היהודית והעבירה מורשת הסבים לנכדים. אפילו קורס לסבאות פתח ד"ר הלברכט

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May 30, 1991
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Andrew Hoffman, Director
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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

My heavy travel schedule precluded an earlier response to your letter of May 17 and the statement reaffirming the BSA commitment to religious principles. This I do regret.

I have now had an opportunity to review the statement which will be presented to the BSA National Executive Board for approval a few weeks hence. It is a fine statement, done with sensitivity and I am pleased to add my endorsement to this document.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

for Jerry Kaye



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YOUTH DIVISION

Rabbi Allan L. Smith, Director

May 29, 1991

To: Edie Miller

From: Smitty

Re. Boy Scouts

I am in favor of Alex endorsing the statement. It is written and explained with sensitivity.

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OK
Please advise
after discussion
response



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May 17, 1991

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

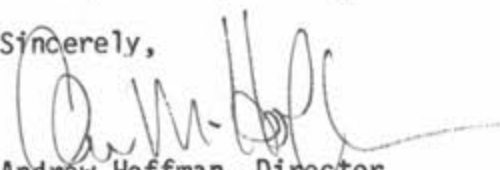
The BSA is in the process of reaffirming its long standing commitment to religious principles as an important part of Scout leadership and membership standards.

The first step in this process is to solicit input and support from religious organizations (51% of all BSA units--Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity teams, and Explorer posts--are chartered to religious institutions).

The attached position statement on religious principles is submitted for your review and comment. We would appreciate your sending a brief letter of support addressed to the Chief Scout Executive, Ben H. Love. Our intent is to take the final statement to the BSA National Executive Board on June 12, 1991 for approval and reaffirmation. Therefore, we encourage your response by June 1. Please send the letter to me and I will forward it to Mr. Love.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Andrew Hoffman, Director
Jewish Relationships

cc: Ben H. Love
Ron Moranville
Carey Keane
William McCleery
Rabbi Peter Hyman
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REAFFIRMATION OF THE POSITION OF
THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON "DUTY TO GOD"

Resolved, that the following reaffirmation of the position of the Boy Scouts of America relating to "Duty to God" be, and hereby is, enacted and that the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and literature of the Corporation reflect this reaffirmation accordingly.

In 1985, America celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Since 1910, 80 million Americans have subscribed to the Scout Oath and the Scout Law which have stood the test of time.

The national Executive Board of the BSA proudly states, through its Mission Statement, that the values which the organization strives to instill in young people are those based upon the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. A Scout pledges: "On my honor I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law . . ."

The first Boy Scouts of America Handbook for Boys, published in August 1911, declares that ". . . no boy can grow into the best kind of citizenship without recognizing his obligation to God." (Page 215)

The latest edition of The Official Boy Scout Handbook, published in 1990 reads: "'A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.'" (Page 561)

While not intending to define what constitutes belief in God, the Boy Scouts of America is proud to reaffirm the Scout Oath and its declaration of "Duty to God."

The following statements are additional information on the BSA position:

The Boy Scouts of America has always been committed to the moral, ethical, and spiritual development of our youth. Scouting is not a religion, but duty to God is a basic tenet of the Scout Oath and Law.

Scouting does not seek to impose its beliefs upon others who do not share them. Virtually every religion is represented in Scouting and the BSA does not define or interpret God. That is the role of the Scout's family and religious advisors.

Scouting respects those who do not share its beliefs and it would not ask others to alter their faith in any fashion in order to become Scouts. They too are free to follow their own beliefs. Rather, the BSA membership believes that the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Law are central to the BSA goal of teaching the values of self reliance, courage, integrity, and consideration to others.

Scouting may not be for everyone, but for eight decades, Scouting has provided meaningful programs and adventure to more than eighty million young people in the United States.



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August 20, 1990

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
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Dear Alex:

Thank you for your letter, and for your efforts to talk to Rabbi Sobel.

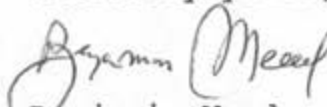
To be honest, I am very much surprised in the way the matter in Temple Emanu-El is being handled. I cannot get a reason why we are being denied, and am just being told that the Board does not want us. I think it's a shame. At this point, I have no choice but to bring the matter to the Executive Committee, and tell them that our request was rejected by Temple Emanu-El.

I thank you for giving us leads to other Temples, but they all are not large enough to handle the crowd.

In your letter, you conclude by saying, "I look forward to hearing from you", so I'm answering, but I must say that I don't like my position right now in having to bring back the Board's decision to our Committee.

I will be in touch with you. I know that your heart is with us. I remain,

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin Meed



HOLOCAUST AND JEWISH RESISTANCE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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Third National Alumni Conference Held in Washington, DC February 10 – 12, 1990

Nearly 330 teachers, survivors and scholars who have studied the Holocaust and Jewish resistance in a diversity of its aspects participated in the Third National Alumni Conference of the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance Summer Fellowship Program. As with the previous two conferences, we focused on Holocaust education in American public secondary schools. Internationally recognized academics and writers sharing their insights on the Holocaust and Jewish resistance included Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, Professor Saul Friedlander from Tel Aviv University, Dr. Yehuda Bauer from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Reverend Hubert G. Locke from the University of Washington, Dr. Deborah Lipstadt from Occidental College in Los Angeles and Professor Guy Stern from Wayne State University.

The conference was sponsored, as is the summer fellowship program in Israel, by the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, the American

Federation of Teachers, and the Educators' Chapter of the Jewish Labor Committee. The United States Holocaust Memorial Council was also a sponsor of

the 1990 conference in Washington, DC, as it was for last year's conference.

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Opening Session of 1990 Alumni Conference. At dais are Vladka Meed (standing) and (l-r) Prof. Saul Friedlander, Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arad, Harvey M. Meyerhoff, and Prof. Yisrael Gutman.

1990 Summer Fellowship Program in Israel Includes a Stop in Poland Seminar Will Travel from July 8 – 30

This summer, our sixth group of teachers are going to have an intensive three-week program in Israel to learn about how the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance can be taught in American public secondary school classrooms. As we have done in our first five summers, the curriculum includes: *Martyrdom and the Struggle for Survival in Jewish History*; *The Final Solution*; *Resistance and Revolt*; *Spiritual Resistance*; and *The Aftermath – Rebuilding Jewish Life after the Holocaust*.

Our teachers will be studying at two of the most prominent Holocaust study centers in the world, the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum and Documentation Center in Jerusalem, and the Ghetto Fighters House of Kibbutz Lohamei HaGhetaot, founded by former partisans and survivors of Nazi ghettos and concentrations camps.

For the first time, the program will include a three-day stay in Poland, where we will visit former Jewish historic sites in Warsaw and Krakow, including the site of the Warsaw Ghetto, the bunker of the Jewish resistance at Mila 18, the synagogue of the city, the monument to the ghetto fighters, and the concentration camps Auschwitz, Birkenau and Treblinka.

Prominent historians and lecturers from major educational institutions within Israel, such as the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv University and the University of Haifa and visits to numerous historical sites within the country will round out this rewarding educational experience.

A report of the experiences of the 1990 program in Israel will appear in the next issue of the *Alumni Newsletter*.



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Pre-Conference Events

Before the official commencement of the conference, teachers were able to visit the Capital Children's Museum, and take a special tour of an exhibition, "Remember the Children," which explored a special sector of the victims of the Holocaust. After receiving greetings from alumnus Fred Nauman ('86), Vice President of the American Federation of Teachers, we had a special screening of *Debajo Del Mundo*, an Argentinian film portraying the true story of a Jewish family that survived the Holocaust by literally burying themselves in a small root cellar, remaining hidden for over a year. Stephen Goodell, of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, gave a brief introduction to the film. The session

was chaired by alumna Carol Woytowich ('86).

Alumna Carol Brown ('87) chaired another pre-conference session on "Historical and Literary Resources to Teach

the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance," in which Professors Frieda Aaron from New York University and Stephen Steinlight from SUNY at Plattsburg discussed aspects of the diverse material available in English (much of it translated) that attempts to put the experiences of Holocaust survivors onto paper.



Professor Frieda Aaron (at podium), Professor Stephen Steinlight, and Carol Brown ('87) at Pre-Conference session.

Opening Session

At the opening session of the conference, Program Coordinator Vladka Meed delivered greetings to all in attendance, as did U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council Chairman Harvey M. Meyerhoff, Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arad, and Yad Vashem Research Center Director Professor Yisrael Guttman.

Ms. Meed, who was introduced by alumnus Herbert Brodsky ('85), noted the palpable sense of excitement among

the participants who hailed from different states and diverse backgrounds. Nevertheless, Ms. Meed admonished, we would all be challenged during the conference — to learn, to share, and to return home to teach the young of America the lessons of the Holocaust and Jewish resistance. Recalling with pride the achievements of those in the program to date, she reported that over 200 educators "graduated" from the program, from

32 states, and are now annually reaching over 40,000 students and others within their communities. The alumni are initiating curricula on the Holocaust and Jewish resistance, actively participating in state and community bodies, and sharing what they have done with their colleagues.

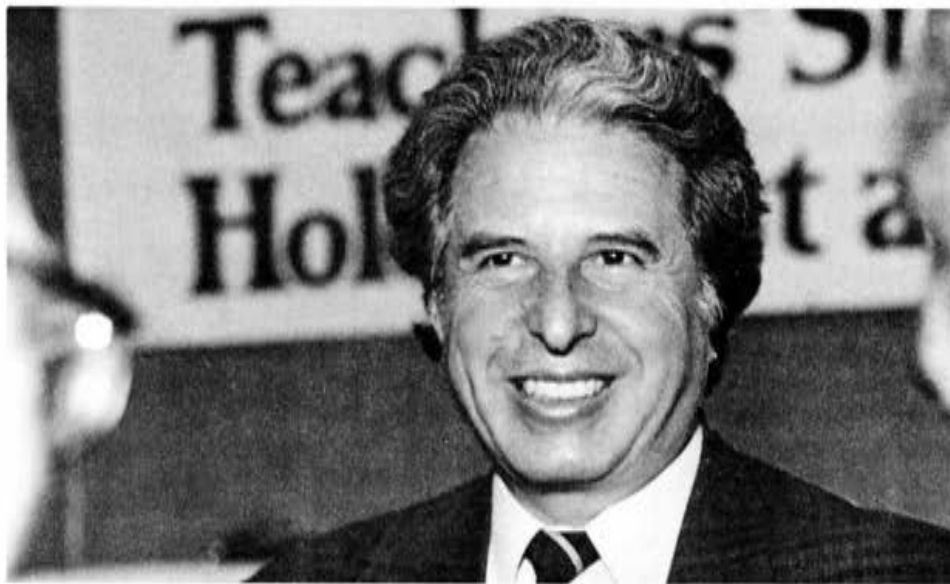
Mr. Harvey M. Meyerhoff, in his greetings on behalf of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, told, among other things, about the development of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. He described some of the artifacts that had been collected in anticipation of the museum's completion in 1993. The institution's plans to make the lessons of the Holocaust relevant to the American people were also discussed, and Mr. Meyerhoff offered the hope that future alumni conferences will be able to be held at the museum's conference facilities.

Ambassador Moshe Arad presented the greetings of the Government of the State of Israel. He emphasized the importance of this annual event, and the teachers program as a whole, "which links education and remembrance". As he put it, if a single word speaks for the



Yiddish folksinger Rosalie Gerut performs at conclusion of Opening Session.

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Professor Saul Friedlander addresses Opening Dinner Session.

Jewish historical experience, it is the Hebrew word "*zakhor*," or remembrance. Historical memory for the Jewish people is an historical imperative. "If we cannot remember the past, we cannot face the future with confidence."

Our guest speaker for the opening evening was Professor Saul Friedlander, who spoke on "The Shoah: Between Memory and History." Prof. Friedlander was born in Prague. As a young child, he witnessed the deportation of his parents, whom he never saw again. He survived the war by living among gentiles. Adopting their way of life, he became a devout Catholic, and was even preparing to enter the priesthood. But history had a different path for him. Saul Friedlander returned to the Jewish community and moved to Israel.

Striking a theme that was heard

throughout the conference, Prof. Friedlander included within his presentation a discussion of problems relating to the changing political landscape in Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union, and the potential reunification of Germany. But first, he made the argument that while our knowledge of the *Shoa* is increasing considerably, our understanding of the event is "still feeble". We are facing something that we have enormous difficulty in grasping. There is an inherent "opacity" of the events connected with the *Shoa*. This has often lead to the natural tendency to use conventional terms of reference in discussing and teaching about the Holocaust, such as "Holocaust and Redemption," connecting the tragedy of the Holocaust with the rebirth of Jewish sovereignty in the cre-

ation of the State of Israel. But this direct interpretation, even within Israel, soon was found to be not compelling, even though it had a dialectical appeal.

The challenge, according to Prof. Friedlander, was how to represent something that resists representation in conventional terms.

Touching upon recent events in Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and both Germanies, Prof. Friedlander pessimistically admitted that he held hope, hesitation and fear while examining these radical developments, including the overthrow of Communist governments and the growth of national chauvinistic tendencies in these regions, with their accompanying anti-Semitic undercurrents.

Dr. Friedlander charged the audience with the admonition that teaching about the Holocaust, which until now was an important topic to be included in the school curriculum, is today absolutely necessary for the teachers meeting in Washington and their colleagues "back home".

The heady atmosphere engendered by Prof. Friedlander's presentation was followed by an uplifting musical program. Rosalie Gerut, our guest artist who is the child of survivors, shared a number of folksongs with the audience in Yiddish, Hebrew and English, including some she had written herself, dealing with the Holocaust and Jewish resistance. And the teachers, survivors and assembled guests finished the first evening of the conference looking forward to the program to come in the next days.

General Session: The Holocaust and the Church

On Sunday morning, the Reverend Hubert G. Locke, Professor from the University of Washington, spoke on "The Holocaust and the Church: Dilemmas of the Dissenters and of the Bystanders." This session was chaired by Martin Lapan, Executive Director of the Jewish Labor Committee. In a very

subdued yet forceful presentation, and dealing in a balanced way, Rev. Locke presented the problems and dilemmas that confronted church groups and leading individuals within the Catholic and Protestant churches with the rise of Nazism and their seizure of power. Focussing primarily on individual clergy as

well as the institutions in which they served, he gave a penetrating analysis. Some did not come to the correct conclusions, and either acquiesced to or collaborated with the Nazis, while others did speak out courageously against the horror, often being persecuted for their words and actions.

A number of teachers expressed specific interest in this presentation, due to their Catholic background and interest in the actions of the Church during this period.

The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust and Refugee Writers in the United States

Later that morning, Professor Deborah Lipstadt from Occidental College in Los Angeles and Professor Guy Stern from Wayne State University in Detroit spoke on "The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust" and "Escaping the Holocaust: Refugee Writers in the United States," respectively. The session was chaired by Fred Nauman, Vice President of the American Federation of Teachers and alumnus of 1986. In his introductory remarks, Mr. Nauman described some of the books written by these academics on their subjects.

Professor Deborah Lipstadt, author of *Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust*, engaged her audience with descriptions of the ways in which the American media either underplayed or selectively reported on the information that was being received about the destruction of the Jews of Europe. She contrasted how news about atrocities against Jews was covered when the source was Jewish — *i.e.*, connected to the victims — as opposed to statements by German government officials, — *i.e.*, the victimizers. Another point Prof. Lipstadt made was that the American press, which had been subject to manipulation by both sides during World War I, and had published a number of reports which later turned out to be erroneous, responded skeptically to reports of mass atrocities against Jews



(L-r): Fred Nauman (chairing session), Prof. Deborah Lipstadt, Prof. Guy Stern

received in the early 1930s and later. Prof. Lipstadt also gave examples of how news about the impending Holocaust was often "buried" inside newspapers, and how different newspapers across the United States placed news reports in places of differing priority within their pages.

Professor Guy Stern, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Romance and Germanic Languages at Wayne State, explored the literature written by refugees from Nazi Germany and the territories under its control. Referring to a number of writers, many of

whom are relatively unknown because their work has not yet been translated into English, Prof. Stern stated that they presented difficulties to those who attempt to place this body of work within conventional categories. His comments resonated with echoes from some of the earlier presentations: these writers' works illustrate, in a distinctive way, the uniqueness of the Holocaust and the resource material with which we are to teach about it. However, we are confronted with the need to use this literature to explain, or at least transmit some information about the subject to our students.

Brunch Session

During the following brunch session, chaired by Ann Kessler, member of the Teachers Program Executive Committee, Dr. Michael Berenbaum, Director of the United States Holocaust Museum, described the philosophy underpinning the exhibitions in the museum, and graphically "walked the teachers through" the museum, describing the ambiance and details that would confront visitors to the museum upon its completion in 1993.

Teachers' Workshops

Sunday afternoon, teachers from the five summer seminars in Israel led workshops, in which they shared with their peers the ways in which they are implementing Holocaust and Jewish resistance lessons in their classrooms and communities. The diversity of techniques and resources, as well as the similarities of approaches and challenges, was apparent from the four workshops. However, it was clear that the workshops were not as well-attended as in past years. We will

have to evaluate a number of proposals regarding the restructuring of this part of the conference program.

The workshops dealt with four aspects of teaching about the Holocaust and Jewish resistance:

The Holocaust and Current Events, chaired by Goldie Eldot ('88), from Duluth, Minnesota, and had as panelists Jane Levine Myerson ('88) from Kingston, New York, Lillie Gayle Smith ('89) from

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Sunday Evening: Professor Elie Wiesel

In a conference with many noteworthy moments, the Sunday evening presentation by Elie Wiesel, world-renowned writer, speaker and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, was clearly one of the highlights. The session was chaired by Roman Kent, member of the Teachers Program Executive Committee, who introduced Simcha Stein, representing the Ghetto Fighters House Study Center in Israel, as well as Grace Caporino, alumna of 1987, who gave greetings on behalf of the alumni.

Program Director Vladka Meed, close friend, colleague and fellow survivor, gave a moving introduction to Mr. Wiesel.

Among her comments were the following:

"God has blessed you with many talents, which you willingly share with others. Nobel Laureate, writer, scholar,

philosopher, lecturer, teacher, but above all, Elie Wiesel from the Jewish community of Sighet, a survivor of the death camps, Auschwitz, Buchenwald, with the number A7713."

She continued. Mr. Wiesel "became our voice, the spokesman of our shattered past, the one who brought our anguish, our experiences, beyond our circle to the outside world, where your words and your views have found a responsive audience. You openly stated that you are a passionate teacher. What you have learned and experienced in those dark times ... the teacher of your teachers never knew.

"Our teachers and their students study your books; *Night* is the most read book in the schools on the Holocaust. Its beginning is seared into my memory: 'Never shall I forget that night, the first night in camp, which turned my life into

one long night, seven times cursed and seven times sealed'.

"Each of us survivors goes through life with the memories of those nights, but not all of us are able to find the strength or the words to tell the tale in such a profound, moving way. In your many books, articles and essays, translated into many languages, we feel that they contain a constant search for the survivor to find meaning in life, to continue as a witness, but also to remain a believer in man.

"While you always remember and demand that others remember our past, you are able to reach out to the present, to those who cried for help in Russia, in Bangladesh, in Cambodia and in South Africa. You found strength to plead with our own President Reagan not to go to Bitburg to honor German soldiers, among them SS murderers. At that time, you expressed our anguish, our pain, in the name of memory.

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Nobel Laureate and author, Professor Elie Wiesel, poses with alumni after addressing plenary session.

Teachers' Workshops, cont.

Kent, Ohio and Robert Thum ('87), from Dayton, Ohio;

Spiritual and Physical Resistance, chaired by David Jenkins ('86), from Birchwood, Wisconsin, and had as panelists Matthew Minzer ('89) from Great Neck, New York, Robert Schnurman ('87), from

Baldwin, Missouri and Karen Shawn ('86), from Brooklyn, New York;

Classroom Resource Materials, chaired by Sondra Melzer ('89), from Stamford, Connecticut, and had as panelists Mellanay Auman ('89) from Tucson, Arizona, Linda Calvin ('89), from Des Moines, Iowa and Ilene Karp ('88), from

Kendall Park, New Jersey;

Classroom Participatory Strategies, chaired by Carol Danks ('87), from Kent, Ohio, and had as panelists Sheila D'Albert ('89), from Glendale, California, LaRue Green ('87), from Houston, Texas and Alfred Hooker ('89), from Jacksonville, Florida.

"But, Elie, you have also brought to our lives so much pride and exaltation, in December of 1986, in Oslo, Norway, when you shared the Nobel Peace Prize with us.

"Who can forget those days, full of excitement; the electricity in the air; the city, full of posters quoting your words, 'The opposite of love is not hate, the opposite of love is indifference,' and Egil Aavriek, the Nobel Prize Committee Chairman, saying: 'From the abyss of the death camps he has come as a messenger to mankind; not with a message of hate and revenge, but with one of brotherhood and atonement.'

"You dared to carry this message to each of us, stirring in us compassion for the suffering of others."

Speaking before the entire congregation of participants, who were joined by a class of high school students from the vicinity, Mr. Wiesel explored the dimensions of the Holocaust and how it is being remembered — or forgotten — in the world today. To a rapt audience, he noted that the fall of the Berlin Wall, which made headlines around the world, coincided with the commemoration of *Kristallnacht*, the "Night of Broken Glass," which was virtually unmentioned in the press last November.

Mr. Wiesel told the assembled gathering of teachers, survivors and high school students from Washington, DC, who had been invited to join the session, that "We are committed to truth. We could tell lies, and, often, we are tempted by lies, because people don't want to hear the truth. In our case the truth reaches so deep in our sub-



Professor Elie Wiesel addressing plenum during 1990 Convention.

conscious, and conjures such images, never succeeding in exorcising anguish, fear, bitterness ... so people don't want to hear that. And they would say to us, 'please, tell us a lie.' But we are committed to truth, as painful and as despairing as occasionally it might be. How does one convey truth? That is the problem that survivors have faced, and that is the problem that now you are facing."

Looking at the rapidly evolving changeover from Communism to other political systems within various Eastern European countries, as well as changes within the Soviet Union, Wiesel also gave a note of caution. While "what is happening in Eastern Europe [i.e., the

move from Communist rule to democratic forms of government] is great, and how can we not applaud it," he warned that we must at the same time look with distress at the concomitant rise of conservatism, nationalism, and anti-Semitism.

According to Wiesel, one of the most important things accomplished in recent years was the establishment of the Days of Remembrance observance, sponsored by the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. He is a founding (although not current) member of the Council. Today, he added, every state in the union has a Remembrance Day. "This is a remarkable achievement."

General Session: Testimonies of Resistance

On Monday morning, the last day of the Conference, three Holocaust survivors gave firsthand testimonies of their experiences. Dr. Helen Fagin, Chairman of the Education Committee of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, who chaired the session, introduced:

Alfred Lipson, a survivor of the concentration camps, and currently editor of *Together*, the publication of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, who recounted his experiences while incarcerated and the impact of his liberation;

Samuel Gruber, a former leader of the anti-Nazi partisans, who escaped from the Germans and formed and commanded Jewish partisan groups which he led in the fight against the Nazis in the woods outside of Lublin;

Knud Dyby, a Danish gentile, who was active within the Danish Resistance Movement, initially working in the supply of news, photos, weapons, intelligence and acts of anti-Nazi sabotage, spoke of his activities to rescue and transport to safety Jews, political refugees and allied airmen from occupied Europe.

Closing Session: The Holocaust: Myths and Realities

Jeannette DiLorenzo, Chairman of the Educators' Chapter of the Jewish Labor Committee and Treasurer of the United Federation of Teachers (UFT), chaired the final brunch session of the Conference. John Hilgersen, 1989 alumnus, gave the final greetings from the alumni for the conference. His warm remarks to the organizers of the program, describing how Holocaust studies were being implemented in his community, left a lasting impression on those in attendance.

Ms. DiLorenzo introduced Albert Shanker, President of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), who remarked on the fact that the horrors of the Holocaust shattered the belief, generally held in the Western world, and specifically among democrats, that there was a continuing advancement of society in a democratic, humanistic direction. Mr. Shanker commented on the political and social changes in East Germany, Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, noting that the end of Communist rule and the rise of democracy had been accompanied by a resurgence of nationalism and anti-Semitic outbursts in such cities as Leipzig, Budapest and Leningrad.

Commending the alumni of the summer fellowship program for their commitment to teach the story of the Holocaust and Jewish resistance, Mr. Shanker emphasized a similar dedication on the part of the AFT.

Christopher Cross, Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of State, conveyed greetings to the alumni from Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos, demonstrating the commitment of the department to supporting the work of our teachers' program.

Ms. DiLorenzo also introduced Benjamin Meed, President of the American Gathering and Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, who expressed his ad-

miration to the teachers who had "graduated" from the teachers' program, and reiterated the commitment of the survivors, through the American Gathering, to help make education about the Holocaust and Jewish resistance part of the curriculum in every school in the United States. He also expressed his anticipation of the moment when there would be 500 alumni from the program. Mr. Meed then introduced our last guest speaker.

Professor Yehuda Bauer, Chairman of Holocaust Studies at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, gave an impassioned presentation on aspects of the Holocaust that have become part of "commonly held knowledge" on the subject, yet are not often described correctly. He also discussed some philosophical aspects of Holocaust studies that are central to the teaching of the subject.



Professor Yehuda Bauer addresses plenary session on closing day of conference

For instance: is the Holocaust "unique"? In what ways? Is it inside or outside of history? Can we understand it? Compare it to other events in human history? Was the Holocaust inevitable, or not?

"We are not dealing with an issue that is clear-cut Our purpose is to tell the truth," he said, elaborating on a theme introduced by Elie Wiesel earlier in the program. "The problem is ... what is the truth? There are no black-and-white answers to that. Because any historical event, and certainly a tremendous tragedy like the Holocaust, has such a large

number of aspects and angles to it, that you can view it from so many different sides, you can arrive at so many contradictory solutions, that simply to say 'we have to tell the truth' is only the first of many stages.

Prof. Bauer asked if the Holocaust is a phenomenon that we can understand. "Yes, there is a vicarious understanding." He went further. "If you take the Holocaust out of the context of human history, you are left with nothing ... it is possible to interpret and explain the Holocaust to the extent that any major tragedy is explicable.

"Could it happen again?" Yes, Prof. Bauer replied. He detailed his understanding of why the Jews were the target of the Nazis, but stated that today, "it" could happen to anyone. And, he added, "anyone who believes that 'it' can happen should teach about the Holocaust".

He told about the attempt to rescue the Jews of Hungary, detailing the heroism of the well-known Swedish diplomat, Raoul Wallenberg, and the less-well-known Swiss diplomat, Schar Lutz. Noting that the efforts to secure the vast bulk of the over 100,000 protection papers (4,500 of them being Swedish documents) for Hungarian Jews were done by

members of the underground Zionist youth movement — whose names are generally unknown, although most of them are still alive, living in Israel — Prof. Bauer concluded by stating that "I am very much in favor of remembering the righteous gentiles. Please, let us also remember a few righteous Jews."

"We deal with a subject that could easily become the subject of myths. It is a thankless task, a difficult task, because you can never get headlines for what I would call truth as [easily as] you can get headlines for myths. So, the only way to fight it ... is by education."

Teachers' Comments on the Conference

The atmosphere at the 1990 alumni conference had an air of excitement, and a familiar feel about it. All of us felt uplifted, although at times subdued by the subject matter, but always enriched by our encounter with scholars, survivors and fellow alumni. The ability to talk together about each of our experiences in the school environment, to share our successes and explore the challenges that still confront us in our efforts, all were part of the program. The following lines are examples of the spirit of the conference.

I thoroughly enjoyed being at the conference. I was filled with the love and concern that the survivors have imparted to us and I appreciate being a part of this special work and group ... we are like a big family. Thank you for making me part of the experience. If you can continue in the manner of this 1990 conference, it will remain an outstanding service to all of us in our teaching.

– Mary Ann McCue

I thought the 1989 conference was wonderful and couldn't be surpassed — but you did it with the 1990 conference. It is important that we (participants) be exposed to people who are both academic and scholastic leaders as well as survivors. I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to meet with survivors — they, too, seem very interested in us, what we do and how we do it.

– Judy DiRocco

The best part is the exchange of ideas with colleagues in informal sessions. Secondly, the lectures and evening talks, which really stimulated new ideas.

Wiesel's speech was thrilling and I will use it as evidence of renewal and current appraisal by survivors. Also, I was impressed by Prof. Lipstadt's talk on how the press presented events an excellent way to get Holocaust issues into a media or journalism class.

– Harriet Blechman

The variety of speakers provided new information and new insight Their comments gave me a greater depth from which to work as I deal with the subject matter with my students.

– Carol Danks

The conference was marvelous Professor [Yehuda] Bauer's closing command to go, go and teach, after his stirring and informative lecture, left an indelible impression on me.

– Lillie Gayle Smith

It's doing a wonderful service All of the speakers were helpful for enriching and broadening my general knowledge of the Holocaust.

– Karen Shawn

This [teaching about the Holocaust and Jewish resistance, and attending the annual alumni conference] remains one of the best things I do academically, and the survivors I have met have become a memorable part of the way I now see history.

– Marjorie Bingham

The overall spirit of the conference was inspirational, and it gave me renewed energy and determination to teach the Holocaust the best I possibly can It's a most wonderful learning experience!

– Ruth Ann Cooper

Meeting with fellow teachers from last summer's seminar and hearing about their efforts in teaching about the Holocaust was stimulating. I was pleased to see such a good turnout ... this is an indication of how much participants value this program.

– Leslie Chan Springer

From Holocaust to Hope: One Program

Ruth Ann Cooper, 1989 alumna and teacher at Carver Middle School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, shares one example of our alumni's exceptional activities. The following is excerpted from a letter recently received by Program Coordinator Vladka Meed.

I had to let you know how tremendously successful my "From Holocaust to Hope" activity and unit has been. The activity was held on April 26, a rainy day, of course, so the afternoon Israel Independence Day celebration was held in the school gym. Sixth grade students and I set up a Holocaust museum which filled a large media center. Tables (24 tables!) were covered with black paper, and exhibits, projects, book reports, and a special one for a memorial, were soon filling the entire area. Art, produced by the students, hung from the sides of every table we had. Time lines of the Holocaust spread out over bookcases, along with a suitcase filled with things which Jews might have taken with them when deported. A shovel had a card attached which told about the *Einsatzgruppen* and the places they operated in and the number they murdered. A chart showing daily food rations for prisoners stood above a display of shriveled potatoes and dark bread. Nazi memorabilia, including a bar of soap with RIF stamped into it, a Nazi flag, actual snapshots taken in ghettos and camps which had been retrieved from German POWs, a picture of Hitler and Mussolini taken in April 1936, and American uniforms made up one table. Pictures I had taken in Israel had been enlarged to show the Avenue of the Just and weapons used in the Warsaw Ghetto rebellion.

But the real attractions were the projects done by students. There were about 35 models of camps, ghettos and the Secret Annex of Anne Frank. The camps were so sophisticated I couldn't believe them. Several had been done accord-

ing to scale as best determined by students from their research (with Dad's help, I'm sure, in many cases). They were built on huge slabs of wood or styrofoam. One particularly excellent one was a model of Sobibor. Each building was lettered, and a legend was printed to tell the identity of each. Miniature train tracks were added near the gate. The student came to me today and said he would like to donate it to the school, but he wanted to correct an error first. He had run out of time and only constructed one fence around the camp, and there should have been two! He wants to build the other one. Tiny round "mines" had been placed outside the fences and holes had been drilled to hold them. It is wonderful! But there were many other great models, most having the train tracks and railroad cars. One student had used what he had available, and one rail car had "Hires Root Beer" printed on the sides. I loved it! These were the best projects I have ever had. All of the student body visited the museum in the morning. Parents, school

administrators, and many guests from the Jewish community came during the day. Some were survivors, and many were quite tearful as they looked at the students' work.

A huge mural with poems and feelings written, along with illustrations, covered one wall. These all were responses to the video of *The Hangman*. One talented sixth-grader had taken the copy of the camp and ghetto songs I had borrowed from [Vladka Meed] and recorded them, played on a piano. We played this continuously, all day. In one corner, a TV/VCR was set up, with a few chairs in front, and a video, *To Bear Witness*, also played continually. The chairs were used all day as people stopped to watch portions of it. The centerpiece of the exhibits was a specially draped table with six battery powered candles — the Fire Marshal wouldn't let us use real ones — with a banner saying "Because We Must Never Forget." Oh, yes, one display held a rag doll, baby shoes and blanket, and had a card telling that over a million children were murdered in the Holocaust.

At 12:30 p.m., classes started going to the gym for the [Israel Independence Day] festival. At the door, students were given Israeli "passports" which had to be stamped at each station. The stations were an archeological dig (wading pools filled with sand and hidden "Middle Eastern" artifacts) and a fabulous Western Wall (big scenery flat painted to look like big sandstones and cracks between). The stagecraft person wouldn't let us poke holes in it to put prayers and wishes, so we used "Post-It" notes instead. The prayers were



Exhibition at students' "museum" in Tucson, Arizona

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Joel S. Adelberg ('88), who teaches in Greenwich, Connecticut, reports that a small group of committed students were key in organizing a Holocaust Remembrance Week program at the end of April. "This was significant, especially considering the small number of Jewish students." A total of between 600 and 700 students heard one or more of the four guest speakers who spoke to numerous classes. Posters and signs were up all over the school, with quotes from children about the Holocaust. The school library displayed a good number of the many books available on the Holocaust and resistance, and ran a videotape throughout the week. Greenwich High School Drama Students presented scenes from "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" at the Greenwich Jewish community's annual Holocaust Remembrance.

Herb Brodsky ('85), who works in the Harry S. Truman High School in New York City, told us that Alfred Lipson, former concentration camp inmate and current editor of *Together*, the newspaper of the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, met with students in May at Truman High School, to conduct two sessions relating to his Holocaust experience. His presentation is one of the culminating activities in Herb's department, which has been working on Holocaust and Jewish resistance topics throughout the year.

Lynn Bryce ('88), who teaches in St. Cloud, Minnesota, is putting together the program for the 1990 St. Cloud State University's Workshop and Holocaust Study Tour of Poland and Germany. As in the past, it will be based at the SCSU Study Center in Al-

nwick, Northumberland, in Great Britain. (For a description of the program, see *Alumni Newsletter* Number 7, Winter 1989/1990.)

Grace Caporino ('87), who teaches in Yorktown Heights, New York, was one of the judges in this year's National Writing on the Holocaust, sponsored by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. She has been appointed to the Putnam/Northern Westchester Teacher Talent Bank for her work in "Teaching Holocaust and Jewish Resistance in the

English Curriculum". Grace also notes that her work designing a successful Masterwork Study Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, an advanced seminar on Holocaust film and literature, is enabling her and ten colleagues to study film and text with eminent scholars in the field.

Charles Caputo ('87), who teaches in Burton, Ohio, shared the welcome news with us that a poem submitted by one of his students won the Cleveland Heights Jewish Community Center's Yom Hashoa

V'Hagvura Commemoration Creative Arts Contest for high school students. (See poem boxed on this page.) He and his student, Kevin Kessinger, "have responded with sensitivity and understanding to the challenging theme 'And Thou Shalt Teach Thy Children The Legacy from Generation to Generation'." In recognition of his participation and achievement, Charles was awarded a scholarship toward a Holocaust Education seminar at a local university; his high school is receiving a plaque of honor highlighting the names of student and teacher.

Additionally, Charles has given presentations on "Teaching the Holocaust: Bringing Light into Darkness" to two community groups, and also spoken to three English classes on Anne Frank and the Holocaust.

Ruth Ann Cooper ('89), who teaches in Tulsa, Oklahoma, began a nine-week Holocaust unit at the end of February with a visitor from the Fenster Museum of Jewish Culture to give her students a broad overview before they receive the story in detail. Other guest speakers were planned as well. On April 26th, between Remembrance Day and Israel Independence Day, a special "Lessons of the Holocaust:

It Was a Cold, Cold Day in Warsaw
Kevin Kessinger

*It was a cold, cold day in Warsaw,
as the snow started falling again.
The snow was as cold as ever,
but not as cold as the hearts of men.*

*For on this cold, cold day in Warsaw,
the Jews were suffering hard.
The walls around the ghetto,
were covered with wires and shards.*

*On this cold, cold day in Warsaw,
Jewish children were hungry and cried.
The parents had less than the children,
and all of them slowly died.*

*And on this cold, cold day in Warsaw,
God's people were sent to the showers,
So why were the Jews wearing yellow,
When the Nazis were really the cowards?*

*For on this cold, cold day in Warsaw,
Millions sat idly by.
They could not see their torture,
They would not hear their cry.*

*It was a cold, cold day in Warsaw,
as the snow started falling again.
The snow was as cold as ever,
but not as cold as the hearts of men.*

Kevin Kessinger, a student at Berkshire High School in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, won the high school division writing award of the Cleveland Heights Jewish Community Center creative arts contest. Kevin is a student in Charles Caputo's American history class.

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From Holocaust to Hope" program took place, which was followed by an Israel Festival in the afternoon. (See article, page 9.)

Amelia Hernandez ('88), who teaches in Ogden, Utah, is very much involved in the Teachers' Academy, a group of 40 teachers from across the state. In January, she presented a paper on "Human Rights and the Holocaust," which is part of her work to propagate the teaching of the Holocaust within the Academy's teachers' classes.

Alfred Hooker ('89), who teaches in Jacksonville, Florida, will be lecturing on the Holocaust to first-year undergraduates at the University of North Florida this summer. This April, he gave two-week long sessions on the Holocaust and Jewish resistance to his four American History classes. In May, he began a six-week course at the Jacksonville Jewish Community Alliance, as well as a six-week class at the community school evening program at Lee High School. At the end of the school year, he reports that he is teaching a two-week session as part of his A. P. European History class.

Jimmie Robert Jones ('88), who teaches in San Antonio, Texas, has been active in establishing a local four-day summer seminar for 25 area 8th - 12th grade teachers. "The Holocaust: Prejudice Out of Control" will be held at the beginning of August, and is cosponsored by the Bexar County Federation of Teachers, in conjunction with the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio.

Joyce Kazanjian ('87), who teaches in Somerville, Massachusetts, reports that she is

working with the Facing History and Ourselves foundation, travelling to various parts of the United States to facilitate workshops for teachers.

Ilene Karp ('88), who teaches in Staten Island, New York, brought students from her Holocaust and Literature classes to the Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony held at the office of the Staten Island Borough President in April. In addition to the Borough President, a resident of Staten Island who survived Auschwitz was a principal speaker.

*What Have We Learned
Brinoy Speth*

*I saw a man.
He screamed, he yelled, he hated.
Destruction was his name.
His bigotry almost destroyed the world.*

*I saw a fortress,
covered in barbed wire.
It held captive the tortured innocent
behind its frigid stone walls.*

*I saw a smokestack.
It spewed forth noxious smoke, filling the air with the
putrid evidence of its crime.*

*I saw a soldier.
He was sickened by what he had found.
He informed a shocked planet
of his discovery.*

*I saw a crowd.
They linked arms —
Black, White, Jew, Gentile,
and cried for the end of intolerance.*

*I see a man.
He screams, he yells, he hates.
Destruction is his name.
His bigotry will conquer the world.*

Brinoy Speth is a sophomore in Poway High School, in Poway, California. A student of Evan Holz ('85), she is active in the model United Nations, and the California Scholarship Federation, and is interested in both politics and medicine.

Lauren Kempton ('86) now works as Staff Development Specialist at Cooperative Education Services. She is working to coordinate interdistrict educational activities throughout Fairfield County, Connecticut, integrating the information she learned as a participant in the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance Summer Fellowship Program in her work to address the growth of ethnic, racial and religious tensions in the county.

Rita Kimmey ('88), who teaches in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, did two in-service presentations, each lasting two sessions long, about the Holocaust, in October and January; both were in her school district. She has been asked to do a whole day in-service on the Holocaust for another district in the Columbus area.

Last summer, Rita participated in the Kent State University Holocaust Workshop, a four-day program held at the University of Toledo. It is offered at several universities throughout Ohio. This summer, she is one of 15 alumni from this program who were selected to go on a two-week trip to West Germany in June, and will visit Bonn, Berlin and Hamburg. They will also stop in Donaueschingen, where they will attend a teacher training institute to see how West German teachers are trained in dealing with and teaching the Holocaust.

Mary Ann McCue ('89), who teaches in Kansas City, Missouri, will be studying at Oxford University in England for six weeks this summer; she won a scholarship from the local branch of the English Speaking Union. Mary Ann did a number of presentations about the Holocaust to students in her high school during the Days of Remembrance week. She also re-

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ports that she has given similar presentations to nearby Middle School for two days, four hours per day, on the Holocaust and Jewish resistance.

Gerald Melnick ('87), who teaches in Tinton Falls, New Jersey, was recently appointed as a consultant/trainer to Governor James Florio's Advisory Council on Holocaust/Genocide Education. He also reports that a colleague and he were awarded a New Jersey State Grant to establish a Demonstration Site at their high school for teaching Holocaust studies to teachers in surrounding counties. Not only will they be available for teachers to visit them to see what they are doing, but they will be travelling to other schools and conducting workshops for teachers on the Holocaust and Jewish resistance.

Carol Mendenhall ('89), who teaches in Perry, Ohio, used her experiences during her time in Israel to discuss the Holocaust and Jewish resistance in school. She also spoke before the Canton, Ohio Rotary Club and the local Hadassah chapter, sharing her experiences in Israel, discussing both her teaching of the Holocaust

and Jewish resistance, and a general overview of her impressions, as a non-Jew, of the trip to Israel.

Robert Schnurman ('87), who teaches in St. Louis, has finished writing a Holocaust unit. He has presented the unit, with the assistance of Rabbi Robert Sternberg, Director of the St. Louis Center for Holocaust Studies, and a local survivor, to 120 students in his school. This is the third year that Robert has presented this program to his students,

tant inroad in teaching the Holocaust throughout the entire county."

Leslie Chan Singer ('89), who teaches in West Valley, Utah, was part of a group of six teachers who brought approximately 400 of their students to an exhibit on Anne Frank which "visited" the city. There also were related units in the classroom on the subject. After the field-trip, Leslie taught three-week-long units on the Holocaust and Jewish resistance to her Sociology and World Studies classes of nearly 180 students.

Paul Wieser ('88), who teaches in Glendale, Arizona, recently shared the news with us that for a fifth year his students, staging a play based on life in the Ghetto, were state champions in the competitions connected with National History Day. The competition continues with students from across the country convening in Washington, DC, from June 6th

**We note with sadness
the death of one of our alumni,
Otis L. Bolden ('87),
from St. Louis, Missouri.**

who are virtually all gentiles. "I honestly believe," he writes, "that we have changed a good deal of bigotry in our school system as a consequence of our Holocaust unit. I have made an impor-

through the 14th. Paul also reports that he received a scholarship that will enable him to travel to the Library of Congress in July, where he will explore Holocaust-related material.

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stuck to the wall and included everything from "Please let me win the *Ed McMahon Sweepstakes*" to "Let no person in the world ever go hungry again." One station was Israeli folkdancing taught by a visitor from Israel. Another station had name tags for each student. A local Hebrew education director wrote each of their

names on the tags and then they were worn all day. In the middle of the gym, with a background of sheets hung over tall stands (the sheets were decorated with my Israeli souvenirs and posters), an assembly line of seven parents served nearly 700 felafel sandwiches and fruit punch! At each station, the passports had to be stamped in order for the students to receive a plastic Israeli flag upon their departure. It was impressive to see the

flags waving all over the school.

... A TV station showed segments [of this programming] for two days, a radio station played a part every hour with the news, and an evening paper, *The Tulsa Tribune*, carried a large captioned picture of the museum the students set up. Yesterday, a truck came to move all the exhibits (after we had packed them) to the Jewish Community Center to be displayed for two weeks. Isn't that super?



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August 15, 1990
24 Av 5750

Mr. Benjamin Meed
Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization
122 West 30th Street
New York, NY 10001

Dear Ben:

Rabbi Sobel was in the city today for a funeral and I chanced to run into him. Thus, I had an opportunity to discuss with him your letter with regard to the use of Temple Emanu-El.

While Rabbi Sobel is more than willing to host the 1991 Commemoration at Temple Emanu-El, his Board of Directors has indicated they are unwilling to do so. There is little, if anything, he can do to change their minds in this connection. It is obviously out of Rabbi Sobel's hands.

I have been giving thought to other locales which might be fitting. Temple Rodeph Sholom at 7 West 83rd Street has a large and beautiful sanctuary and also has the ability to pipe the program into a large auditorium located in the basement of the synagogue building. They are very close to Central Park and given good weather, a commemoration at Rodeph Sholom could also involve a possibility of piping the ceremony to a larger audience located outdoors.

If you wish me to pursue this matter with the leaders of Temple Rodeph Sholom, I will be happy to do so. That would undoubtedly be a fine location for the Commemoration.

I look forward to hearing from you. Be assured I will seek to render any assistance I can with regard to the 1991 gathering.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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*Edie -
 Solid out of
 town -
 We'll call me
 back 2/20/90*

August 2, 1990

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

Dear Rabbi:

When I met you yesterday, I briefly discussed our problem with Temple Emanu-El.

Enclosed please find the exchange of our letters, which I would appreciate your taking the time to look over. I also wrote a letter to Bob Morgenthau today, a copy of which I'm enclosing.

I would appreciate hearing from you as to how you could help.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Meed
 Benjamin Meed



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BENJAMIN MEED

August 2, 1990

Rabbi Ronald Sobel
Temple Emanu-El
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New York, New York 10021

(via FAX & Mail)

Dear Rabbi:

I just came back from a four weeks' trip where I accompanied, as a volunteer, 50 American teachers - Jews and non-Jews - to study the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance. We visited Poland and Israel where we were addressed by scholars, clergy, rabbis and priests regarding the implementation of teaching about the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance in public high schools.

Upon my return, I was very much shocked, after having been informed that despite my personal visit with you and letter writing asking you for permission to hold our Commemoration in Temple Emanu-El on Sunday, April 7, 1991, that the answer to my letter of June 18th was given verbally over the phone that your Board turned down our request of holding the Commemoration in Temple Emanu-El.

Rabbi Sobel, in my letter of June 18th, I made it clear that at this time we haven't any place to hold the Commemoration, so I have no other choice but to appeal to you personally again to help us and reconsider the decision of those who made it, and allow us to hold the Commemoration in Temple Emanu-El.

Should there be a need of a meeting to discuss whatever problems there may be, and I'm sure that they could be resolved, I would be more than happy to meet with you again. In any case, I would appreciate hearing from you directly.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Meed



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August 2, 1990

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(via FAX & Mail)

Dear Bob:

When we met at the dedication of the monument, I was pleased to learn from you that I would hear from Temple Emanu-El allowing us to hold the Commemoration in the sanctuary in 1991.

Unfortunately, while I was away, my office received a telephone call informing us that the Board turned down our request. Therefore, I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I wrote today to Rabbi Sobel, along with previous copies of correspondence between us.

I would really appreciate your intervention on our behalf, as we don't have, at this late date, any place to hold our Commemoration in 1991.

Thank you for your help.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Meed



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BENJAMIN MEED
President

June 18, 1990

Dr. Mark W. Weisstuch
Director
Congregation Emanu-El
One East 65th Street
New York, New York 10021

(Personal & Confidential)

Dear Dr. Weisstuch:

As much as I understand how unpleasant it was for you and Rabbi Ronald Sobel to convey the message to me regarding the decision made by the members of the Board not to make the sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El available for the annual NYC Metropolitan Committee's Commemoration, I must say that I was personally shocked by the message. For a person who has devoted himself to memory, your decision caused me great pain.

Therefore, I would like to appeal personally to Rabbi Sobel, you and the members of the Board to reconsider our request.

I would like you to be aware that at this moment, we haven't any place to hold the commemoration.

Should your grievances which prompted you to make such a decision be so serious, I would appreciate your advising us of these in detail.

I personally would not like to carry the message back verbally to the Committee who unanimously voted, as I informed Rabbi Sobel, to return to Temple Emanu-El for our annual commemorations.

In the name of memory, I'm appealing to you to reconsider your decision.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Meed

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BENJAMIN MCEO
President

May 16, 1990

Rabbi Ronald Sobel
Temple Emanu-El
One East 65th Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Rabbi:

We were privileged to have our annual commemorations for 12 years in the sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El. Thousands of people attended the commemorations, and it became symbolic that the community-at-large, and especially the survivors, would come together during the week of Remembrance at Temple Emanu-El.

After four years of conducting our services in the Felt Forum, and most recently Avery Fisher Hall, we find ourselves in a situation where the Felt Forum is under reconstruction, and Avery Fisher Hall is not available to us due to previous commitments of scheduled concerts.

The Executive Committee met last week, and I made a proposal that we should return to Temple Emanu-El, which I personally think is a most appropriate place to hold such commemorations. May I also say that when we started the commemorations at Temple Emanu-El, we were a unique group nationwide. Today, it is being echoed throughout the country. It is also estimated that over a million people attended this year's commemorations, including the national events held in the the Capitol's Rotunda, Pentagon, State Dept., Interior Dept., and every major military installation throughout the world. We hope that it will continue the same way in the years to come.

Mase Amy

April 17, 1990
22 Nisan 5750

Prof. Bernard Reisman
Director - Hornstein Program

Prof. Gerald Showstack
Faculty Coordinator
Continuing Education Institutes

Brandeis University
Waltham, MA 02254-9110

Dear Bernie and Gerry:

I have had an opportunity to give thought to your request for nominees for the Sherman Seminar for Outstanding Young Professionals. Thank you for taking note of the fact that there were no names from the UAHC.

It is a pleasure to correct this oversight and I am pleased to name two members of the UAHC staff.

Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor has been a member of the UAHC staff since his ordination from HUC-JIR in 1984. He started in our Youth Division and has served in several positions. At this time he is the Director of Interreligious Affairs and also an Assistant Director of the Commission on Social Action.

It pleases me also to nominate Rabbi Lynne Landsberg, Assistant Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Prior to coming on the Union staff, Lynne has served as Assistant Rabbi and Rabbi of several UAHC member congregations.

I am enclosing herewith the vita for each and I presume that this letter of nomination will serve as my own letter of endorsement.

With every good wish and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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

April 3, 1990

Dear Alex,

In a few weeks, we will be reviewing this year's applicants for our annual Sherman Seminar for Outstanding Young Professionals. In looking over the list of candidates, I note no nominees this year from UAHC.

I want to afford you the opportunity to take advantage of this special program and nominate one of your agency professionals.

This will be the sixth annual Sherman Seminar for Outstanding Young Professionals and will be held on the campus of Brandeis University, July 16-18, 1990 on the theme "Conflict and Collaboration in Jewish Organizational Life: Leadership for Effective Interagency Work." Faculty for the institute will include Irving Bernstein, past Executive Vice Chairman of United Jewish Appeal; Steven Nasatir, Executive Vice President, Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago; and Professors Bernard Reisman and Gerald Showstack of the Hornstein Program.

This seminar has become a standard feature of the Hornstein Program's schedule of Continuing Education Institutes. It is aimed at bringing together young professionals in the field of Jewish communal service who display exceptional promise as communal leaders. To participate in the seminar, candidates must be nominated by the director of their agency or organization, have served in the field between five and ten years, and have demonstrated significant potential for professional growth.

Nominations, including a vita and letter of endorsement by the agency director, must be submitted by April 18, 1990 and are reviewed by an academic committee. Full scholarships are available for twenty-five participants covering tuition, lodging and meals.

If you wish to nominate someone on your staff, please send the name to us together with a letter indicating the basis of your recommendation and the candidate's vita.

Prof. Bernard Reisman
Director
Hornstein Program

Sincerely,

Prof. Gerald Showstack
Faculty Coordinator
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Hi
Alex!
Warm
regards

Bernie

Gerald Showstack

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Associate Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Washington,
D.C., August, 1988 - present

Rabbi, Temple House of Israel, Staunton, VA, August 1984 - July 1988

Rabbi, Congregation Beth El, Harrisonburg, VA, August 1984 - July 1988

Associate Rabbi, Central Synagogue, New York, NY, 1981 - 1984

EDUCATION:

1981 Rabbinic Ordination, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion,
New York, New York

1979 Master of Arts in Hebrew Literature, Hebrew Union College-Jewish
Institute of Religion

1976 Master of Theological Study, Harvard University Divinity School

1973 Bachelor of Science, Education, Boston University

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Executive Board Member, Washington Interreligious Staff Council, 1988 - present

Member, Board of Directors, Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, 1988 -
present

Executive Board Member, National IMPACT, 1988 - present

Co-President, Women's Rabbinic Network, 1986 -1989

Secretary, Mid-Atlantic Council, Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1986
- 1988

Adjunct Professor, University of Virginia, Religion Department, 1986 - 1987

Member, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committee on Patrilineal
Descent, 1986-1988

Member, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Committee on Rabbinic Standards,
1984 - 1986

Member, Jewish Welfare Board, Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, 1982 - 1988

Member, Advisory Board, Jewish Women's Resource Center, New York, NY, 1982 - 1988

Member, Executive Committee, Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1982 - 1984

Member, Jewish/Lutheran/Roman Catholic Colloquium, Graymoor Ecumenical Institute, 1981-1984

COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES:

Secretary, Democratic Committee, City of Staunton, VA, 1985 - 1988

Actor, Director, Producer, Our Little Radio Show, WMRA, Public Broadcasting Radio, 1987 - 1988

Producer and Host, "Consider This," WMRA, Public Broadcasting Radio, Harrisburg, VA, 1988

Member, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Association of Churches and Congregations, 1984 - 1988

Member, Staunton Ministerial Association, 1984 - present

Member, Staunton Fine Arts Association, 1984 - present

Jewish Chaplain, Western State Hospital, Staunton, VA, 1980 - 1981 and 1984 - present

Jewish Chaplain, Staunton Correctional Center, Staunton, VA, 1980 - 1981 and 1984 - present

Board Member, Valley Symphonic Concerts, September 1987 - 1988

PROFILED IN:

Newsday, Long Island, NY, April 1986

Gosmopolitan Magazine, December 1987

The Today Show, NBC-TV, March 1988

References will be supplied on request.

RESUME

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EDUCATION

Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion
New York Campus, Rabbinic Ordination, May 1984
Rabbinic Thesis: "An Analysis of Hasdai Crescas'
Bittul Ikare HaNotzrim (A Refutation of the Root
Principles of the Christians): A Study in Polemics"

Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion
New York Campus, M.A.H.L., October 1982

Sarah Lawrence College, New York, B.A. with concentration
in Philosophy and Comparative Religions, 1978

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Department of Interreligious Affairs and
Associate Director, Commission on Social Action
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
January 1990 - Present

Associate Director, Commission on Jewish Education and
Director of Adult Jewish Studies, UAHC
1987 - 1990

Associate Director, New York Federation of Reform
Synagogues, UAHC
1986 - 1987

Assistant Director, New York Federation of Reform
Synagogues, UAHC
1984 - 1986

PULPIT EXPERIENCE

Rabbi, Chavurah Beth Chai, Mahopac, NY (Monthly Pulpit)
1987 - Present

RESUME - RABBI GARY M. BRETTON-GRANATOOR

Temple Beth Shalom, Reform Congregation of Puerto Rico
(Quarterly Visits with High Holydays)
1986 - Present

Guest Rabbi, Temple Sinai, Stamford, CT
(Sabbatical Replacement)
February and March 1987

Temple Emanu-el, East Meadow, NY
High Holydays, 1985

Central Reform Congregation, St. Louis, MO
High Holydays 1984

Temple Beth-El, Elizabeth, NJ
Student Pulpit, 1982 - 1984

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods District #3
Albany Convention: "The Jewish Family" 1988

Central Reform Congregation, St. Louis, MO
"Religious Commitment" 1986

Temple Beth Shalom, Reform Congregation of Puerto Rico
"The Future of Reform Judaism" 1986

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Highlights)

"Religion: Balm or Bomb" New York University School of
Continuing Education, 1989

"New Modalities of Adult Learning" National Association
of Temple Educators, Miami Conference, 1989 and
Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education,
Seattle Conference, 1989

"Joseph and His Family" Central Synagogue, NYC 1989

"Fundamentalism in Religion" NYU School of Continuing
Education, 1988

"Judaism and Christianity" NYU School of Continuing
Education, 1988

"Religious Law in Ritual Circumcision" HUC-JIR / UAHC
Berit Mila School 1987

RESUME - RABBI GARY M. BRETTON-GRANATOOR

"Jewish Ethics" Central Synagogue Adult Education Program, Central Synagogue, NYC 1986 - 1987

"Jewish Ethics" HUC - JIR School of Education, Queens Center, 1986

"Judaism and Christianity" HUC - JIR School of Education, Long Island Center, 1986

"The Laws of *Kashrut*" NYU School of Continuing Education, 1986

"The Jewish Life Cycle" Congregation Shaaray Tefilah, NYC, 1985

LECTURES

"Teaching the Adult Learner" and
"Teaching About God in the Classroom"

Various Conferences including: UAHC Boston Area Education Conference, Westchester Association of Temple Educators, NATE Conference, 1987 - 1989

"Our Problem with God" The Conference on Spirituality, NYFRS, 1986

"Spirituality in Reform Judaism" Congregation Beth Elohim, Brooklyn, NY, 1985

"Religion in Contemporary Life" Union Temple Brooklyn, 1984

"How Reform Keeps its Youth in the Fold" Metropolitan B'nai B'rith Annual Conference, 1984

CAMPING AND YOUTH EXPERIENCE

UAHC Kutz Camp, Rabbinic Faculty, 1988 - Present

NYFRS Mitzvah Corps Program for Deaf Teenagers, Director 1982 - 1987

Director of CRaFTY (NYC Region of the North American Federation of Temple Youth), 1980 - 1982

Judaic Studies Specialist and Unit Head, UAHC Eisner Camp, Great Barrington, MA 1981

Youth Director, Temple Emanu-El, Yonkers, NY 1974 - 1976

PUBLICATIONS

- "Peer-Guided Adult Education" *Pedagogic Reporter*, Spring 1990
- "Directions for Adult Jewish Study" *RC2*, 1989
- Editor, William and Francis Schuster Curriculum Guidelines on Adult Jewish Study, UAHC Press, 1989
- "Love and Holiness" *Keeping Posted*, Spring 1989
- "Adult Jewish Study" *Compass Magazine*, Spring 1988
- "Our Problem With God" *The American Rabbi*, 1987

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Instructor of Lighting and Set Design, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY 1978 - 1979
- Technical Director of the Workshop Theatre, Sarah Lawrence College, 1978 - 1979

ACTIVITIES

- Dean, Rabbinic Aide Program, UAHC 1989 - Present
- Staff Director, UAHC Ethics Committee, 1987 - Present
- Staff Director, *Berit Mila* Board of Reform Judaism, 1987 - Present
- Staff Director, Interreligious Affairs Committee, UAHC 1990 - Present
- Director, Task Force on Cults and Missionaries, UAHC 1990 - Present
- Member, International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, 1990 - Present
- Member, Interreligious Affairs Committee, Synagogue Council of America, 1990 - Present
- Advisory Board, *Street News*, NYC 1989 - Present
- Chair, Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing, New York City, 1985 - 1988

RESUME - RABBI GARY M. BRETTON-GRANATOOR

Member of Board, Homes for the Homeless, NYC 1986 - Present

Member of Alumni/ae Board of Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY 1986 - 1988

Member of Tri-State Economic Network, NYC 1985 - 1988

President, Rabbinic Students' Association, HUC - JIR, 1983 - 1984

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

Horace J. Wolf Prize in Social Justice, 1984

Rabbi Jacob Philip Rudin Award in Homiletics, 1983

Stephen S. Wise Memorial Award for General Excellence, 1982

Jacob Trachtenberg Award in Talmudic Studies, Emanu-El Center, Mt. Vernon, NY 1981

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Rabbi Gary M. Bretton-Granatoor

Rabbi Gary M. Bretton-Granatoor is the Director of Interreligious Affairs at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the Associate Director of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism. He has most recently served as the Associate Director of the Commission on Jewish Education and the Director of Adult Education for the UAHC Department of Religious Education.

A graduate of the New York campus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, he is a Lecturer at the New York University School of Continuing Education and was a member of the faculty of the HUC-JIR School of Education as Lecturer in Intertestamental Literature and Jewish Ethics. Rabbi Bretton-Granatoor serves as Rabbi at Havurah Beth Chai in Mahopac, N.Y. and at Temple Beth Sholom in San Juan, Puerto Rico; he has served at Central Reform Congregation in St. Louis, Missouri; and Temple Beth-El in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Rabbi Bretton-Granatoor also serves as the Dean of the UAHC Rabbinic Aide Program and serves as Staff Director of the UAHC Committee on Ethics, as well as the Staff Director of the Berit Milah Board of Reform Judaism. He previously served as Associate Director of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, one of the thirteen regions of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He was the Director of the New York City Region of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY). He designed and led a special program for deaf Jewish youth known as the NYFRS MITZVAH CORPS.

He served on the Alumni Board of the Sarah Lawrence College, and was the founding Chair of the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing, and is currently a member of the Board of Homes for the Homeless in New York City and Street Aid of NYC.

Recently he produced and arranged the North American Federation of Temple Youth's latest compilation of music entitled "Fifty Years in the Making" on which he is also a featured performer.

Gary Bretton-Granatoor is married to Marianne Bretton-Granatoor, a native of Pacific Palisades, California. Marianne Bretton-Granatoor is an attorney in Manhattan. They have a daughter, Samantha Ariel, and the family resides in Brooklyn, New York.

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September 20, 1989

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

We greatly appreciate your supporting us in
our recent effort to combat IRS harassment.

Our battle was waged on several fronts. We
had top clergy write letters to the IRS in support
of FA's work. The offices of prominent senators,
congresspersons and politicians were notified. And
we had our national media contacts primed to report
the story had the IRS followed through with their
threat to send their marshals to seal off our
national office.

Thanks to you and our other friends and
supporters, we not only got an installment payment
agreement on our terms, but the head of the IRS
Manhattan office sent us a written apology for the
"unprofessional" behavior of his subordinates!

In case you missed *The New York Times Magazine*
article on the history of politically-motivated
harassment through use of the IRS, we have enclosed
a copy. After reading it, we are even more
convinced that the IRS is being manipulated to
paralyze or destroy FA.

With your help, we taught them that FA will
not take it lying down. In a time of crisis, you
proved to be a true friend of FA and we will not
forget it!

Sincerely,


Richard Yao


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THE ABUSE OF POWER

Tax officials, on their own or under pressure from the White House, have used the agency for political ends.

By David Burnham

PETER K. BROS — CHIEF OF THE RULINGS section No. 2, exempt organization technical branch of the Internal Revenue Service, in Washington — was responding to an application for tax-exempt status. Some months earlier, the Minnesota Association for the Improvement of Science Education had applied for such status, including in its statement of purpose the desire to encourage the continued "teaching of evolution in the public schools as the only recognized scientific theory of the origin of life on earth."

In his Oct. 23, 1981, letter, Bros seemed personally affronted by the request. "When you advocate that 'evolution' should be taught in the schools, state specifically what you mean by 'evolution' or what 'theory of evolution' should be taught," Bros wrote. "What gives you the standing or the prerogative to deem certain version[s] of the origin of life on earth as pseudo-scientific? Why are you opposed to permitting the granting of equal time in school curricula to the teaching of the theory of creationism?"

Sister Lucy Knoll, a science teacher in the Roman Catholic school system of Minneapolis who was also the association's secretary, understood the power of the I.R.S. and its individual bureaucrats. Within two weeks, she dispatched a low-keyed, six-page response to Bros's questions.

"The pseudo-scientific versions of the origin of life on earth," she in-

David Burnham is a former New York Times reporter. This article is adapted from his book "The I.R.S.: A Law Unto Itself," to be published next January by Random House. Copyright © 1989 by David Burnham.

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STEPHEN DAHL

CHALLENGER

Sister Lucy Knoll, above, challenged an I.R.S. official's prejudices — and won.

DATA GIANT

Sorting tax returns at the Ogden, Utah, Service Center, left.



CRITICS

Senators Joseph M. Montoya, left, and Edward V. Long, below, both headed committees critical of the I.R.S. Information about them leaked to the press by the agency subsequently short-circuited their careers.



F.D.R.'S TOUCH

The influence of Franklin D. Roosevelt, left, helped Lyndon B. Johnson when the agency was investigating L.B.J. But the Roosevelt Administration had used the agency to harass ex-Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon, below.



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TARGETS

Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., left, and liberal Southern publisher Hodding Carter, right, were among those targeted for I.R.S. scrutiny in the 1950's and 60's.

The I.R.S., which intrudes on more Americans than any other Federal agency

formed the tax man, "are those that are derived from other than scientific data. Pseudo-scientific versions are put forward by numerous groups in our society, especially by religious fundamentalists whose views of what the Bible teaches are contrary to those of modern science."

Sister Knoll's formal response to Bros was dispassionate. But the complaint she wrote to Roscoe L. Egger Jr., I.R.S. Commissioner during most of the Reagan Administration, had a different tone. "The letter from Mr. Bros is partisan in the extreme and expresses his hostility toward the scientific view of the origin of life on earth," she informed Egger. "The questions he asks are those one might expect from a totalitarian regime."

Sister Knoll demanded the association's request for tax exemption be assigned to another official. She and the association's board members also shot off angry letters to their Congressmen, who contacted the I.R.S. A few months later, the association was granted tax-exempt status.

In the grand tradition of great bureaucracies, the I.R.S. blandly insisted that it had all been a misunderstanding. Bros's original response, the agency said, was merely intended to make sure that the association was presenting a "full and fair exposition of the facts" of the case.

Although Sister Knoll and her colleagues won, in many cases the personal views of I.R.S. officials have determined how the tax agency interpreted tax laws. The result: The I.R.S., which regularly intrudes on the lives of more Americans than any other Federal agency, has arguably become the single most powerful instrument of social

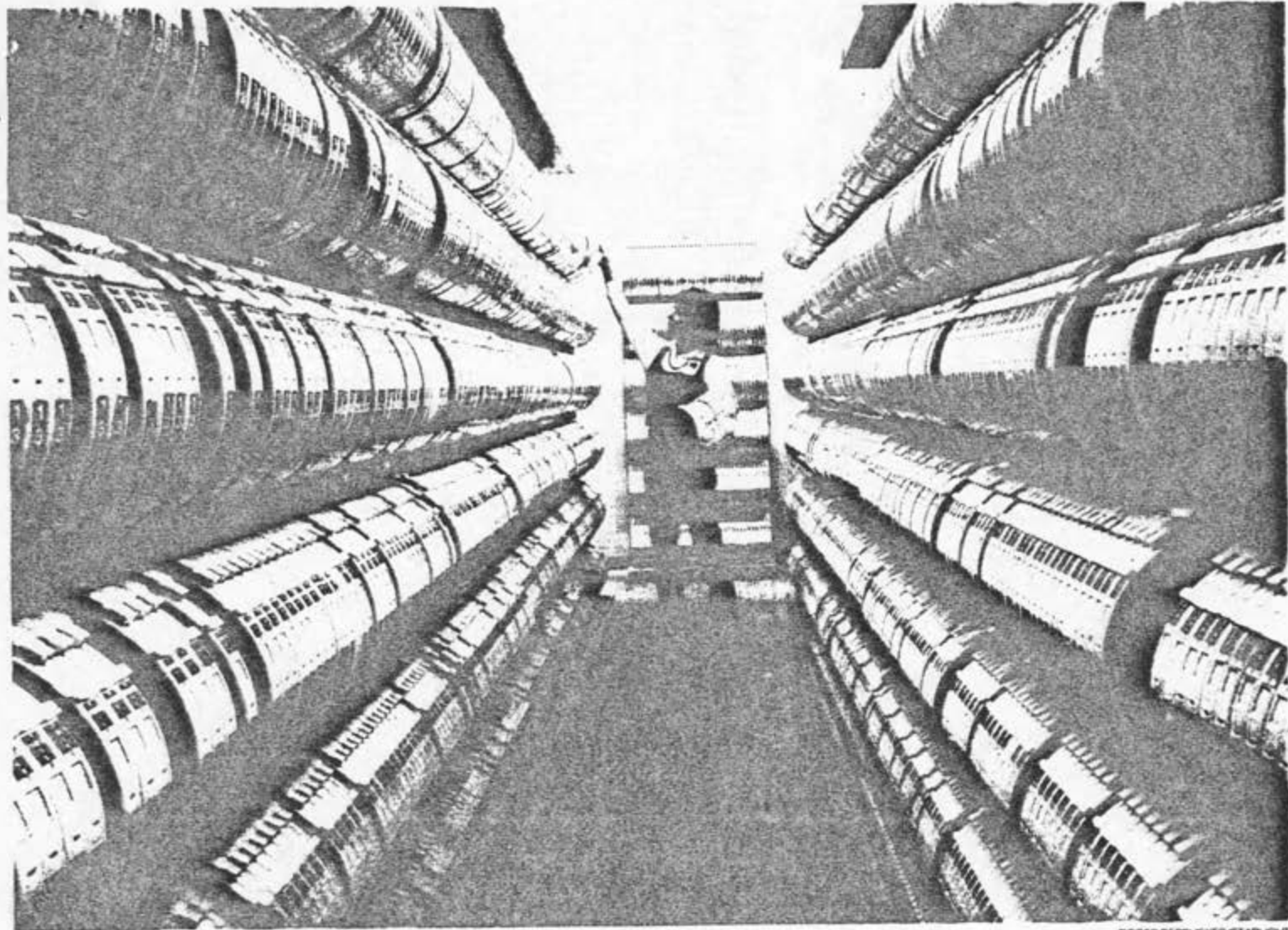
control in the United States, deciding on a wide range of matters that are far removed from the collection of taxes.

The power of the I.R.S. is based on a number of factors:

- **Size.** With 123,000 employees, the I.R.S. is the largest Federal law-enforcement agency. It is generally acknowledged as the greatest tax-collection system in the world, bringing to the United States Treasury an annual \$1 trillion from 200 million taxpayers.

- **Information.** It is a truism that the institution with the most information usually has the most power, and the I.R.S. has a computerized national data base unmatched by any other Federal agency. Today, with the help of high-speed computers, information presented by taxpayers on their income tax returns is compared with the billions of bits of data given the I.R.S. by the nation's employers, banks, corporations, universities, car dealers, state tax agencies, real-estate agents and other assorted record keepers. To collect the information it deems necessary, the I.R.S. has the power to order — without a warrant — banks, employers and other institutions to provide data about a taxpayer. (All other Federal, state and local police forces are required to obtain a warrant to get such information.)

- **Legal authority.** One unique I.R.S. weapon is its independent authority to impose civil penalties. If a taxpayer feels the penalty is not justified, he can challenge it, but because of the special nature of civil tax law, the legal burden of proving his innocence almost always rests with him. This contrasts with criminal cases, in which the burden of proving the suspect's guilt rests with the government.



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may be the most powerful instrument of social control in the United States.

The I.R.S. can grant or refuse tax-exempt status to various kinds of educational and charitable organizations, which means the agency's decisions can affect a broad range of social activities, including the practice of religion, the role of private schools, the availability of birth-control counseling, and the right of various groups to present their sometimes unpopular views.

Furthermore, the I.R.S. is empowered to make a "jeopardy assessment" — that is, without prior approval of a judge, to seize the assets of any taxpayer who, it believes, might be contemplating flight. In fact, a Federal law makes it extremely difficult for Federal judges to enjoin the agency from making such a seizure.

● Complexity and ambiguity of tax laws. The Revenue Code of the United States, the law that is passed by Congress, is printed on some 2,200 pages. The I.R.S. regulations interpreting the law require an additional 7,600 pages.

Last year, Money magazine asked 50 tax preparers to complete the tax return of a hypothetical couple with three children who earned a combined salary of \$100,000. The make-believe family's investments included stocks, mutual funds and corporate and municipal bonds, as well as a second home that was occasionally rented out.

The 50 tax pros came up with 50 different tax bills. When the magazine conducted the same survey with 50 other tax preparers this year, the confusion was even greater.

The confusion extends to I.R.S. agents as well. A 1987 study — conducted by the I.R.S. and the General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress — of nearly 1,000

I.R.S. employees assigned to answer taxpayer questions, found that more than one-third of the answers were incorrect or incomplete.

The result is a Kafkaesque world in which neither the enforcers nor the citizens understand the law. This gives I.R.S. agents a free hand to pick and choose their targets.

● Nothing must stop the collection of taxes. Federal cash payments — to the nation's highway builders, welfare and Social Security recipients, defense contractors, and public and private institutions that provide an assortment of services vital to the well-being of American citizens — are the lifeblood of Congressional politics. To guarantee their reelection, incumbent members of Congress must deliver the goods to their constituents, but Congress cannot give away money unless the Treasury is continually replenished.

This political imperative of not messing with the I.R.S. comes close to being a law of nature almost as unbending as the force of gravity. The I.R.S. is, therefore, rarely examined by Congress, which has the major responsibility of insuring that the agency is working fairly and effectively.

Throughout the history of the tax agency (which began as a continuing organization during the Civil War), very few commissioners — who are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate — remained in office long enough to understand and lead the agency. This prevented the tax agency from becoming the personal kingdom of one man, but it also meant that only a few commissioners gained sufficient knowledge of the agency to be fairly held accountable for either its successes or

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its failures. The rapid turnover at the top has guaranteed that the agency is run by a small cadre of senior civil servants who have spent their entire careers slowly inching up the promotion ladder. Not surprisingly, most of them are cautious men who have adopted the I.R.S.'s generally conservative view of the world.

Largely left to their own devices, I.R.S. agents have, on many occasions, abused their authority for private or political ends. This summer, a House subcommittee disclosed that some high officials at the Internal Revenue Service had, from the early 1980's through last year, engaged in questionable and unethical practices. Furthermore, said the House panel, the tax agency's anticorruption unit had lost a great deal of its effectiveness.

Abusive and arbitrary acts by I.R.S. agents are nothing new, and charges of corruption among agents in such cities as Los Angeles, Cleveland, New York and Chicago have been regularly investigated. But more serious, perhaps, than such corruption (given the agency's size, most employees appear to be doing an honorable job) is the misuse of the agency when it comes to political or ideological issues. The history of the I.R.S. is riddled with repeated instances of agents acting out of self-interest or pursuing their own ideological agenda, as well as examples of Presidents, White House staff and Cabinet officials pressuring the tax agency to take political actions.

OCCASIONALLY, THE actions that the I.R.S. fails to take have as much significance as those it takes. In 1981, an umbrella group of organizations favoring abortion rights filed a Federal suit against the Roman Catholic Church, the I.R.S. and the agency's boss, the Treasury Secretary. The suit accused the church of using tax-exempt contributions for improper political purposes. It also charged that the I.R.S. and the Treasury Secretary had "consistently overlooked these violations and failed and refused to perform their statutory duty to enforce the [Tax] Code and the Constitution."

As one instance of what it viewed as a violation of

the church's tax-exempt status, the abortion-rights group cited "A Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities" that the United States Catholic Conference and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops had adopted in 1975. One section of this plan called for the creation of Congressional pro-life action groups that would "work for qualified candidates who will vote for a constitutional amendment and other pro-life issues."

By failing to withdraw the church's tax-exempt status because of these activities, the pro-choice group contended, the I.R.S. in effect provided the church with a substantial illegal subsidy for its political campaigns.

The I.R.S. has yet to take any public action against the Catholic Church, and the suit is still pending in Federal court. For the entire eight years of the Reagan Administration, say its critics, the inaction of the I.R.S. strengthened the hand of the Administration's strongest political ally on the abortion issue.

Over the years, the actions the I.R.S. has taken against "unpopular" groups and movements have assumed various forms. The agency has brought tax-evasion charges, taken away or denied tax-exempt status, or resorted to the annual audit. Often, the targeted organizations will exhaust themselves mentally and financially defending against these actions.

For many years, civil rights activities were a major agency concern. In 1954, the liberal Mississippi publisher Hodding Carter took the then-daring step for a Southern newspaper of endorsing the Supreme Court's school-desegregation decision. Almost immediately, Carter's newspaper, The Delta Democrat-Times, became the subject of a long series of annual I.R.S. audits. Like many who are selected for intense I.R.S. attention, the Carter family has never been able to uncover documents that would support their belief that the audits were politically motivated.

The Carters were not the only I.R.S. targets as the South moved into this difficult period of social change. In the late 1950's, the I.R.S. began auditing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Years later, several of his lawyers and the

Southern Christian Leadership Conference were audited as well. After the auditors raised questions about some deductions he was unable to document, King settled, paying the I.R.S. \$500 in back taxes. He settled as well with the state of Alabama, which had also brought civil tax charges against him.

Then Alabama had second thoughts. King became the first person ever prosecuted by the state on criminal tax charges. The civil rights leader and his lawyers were forced to expend a great deal of time and money on refuting those charges. Just before the case went to trial, King's lawyers discovered that he had kept a personal diary that had detailed contemporaneous notes disproving the charges. The notes were so persuasive, in fact, that on May 28, 1960, an Alabama jury defied the prejudices of those times and acquitted King.

ON MANY OCCASIONS, the pressure to use the agency as an instrument to curb dissent came from the White House. John F. Kennedy mobilized the I.R.S. against the right-wing, fundamentalist Christian ministers who had been so critical of his religion during his Presidential campaign and his first months in office.

The first warning was in a speech by Kennedy on Nov. 18, 1961. The subject: the cold war. The President called on the nation to ignore the voices of fear and suspicion: "Let our patriotism be reflected in the creation of confidence in one another, rather than crusades of suspicion."

A week later, the President suggested how this new enemy should be dealt with. At a news conference, a reporter sought his views on the legality of campaign contributions supporting "right-wing extremist groups."

"As long as they meet the requirements of the tax law," Kennedy responded, "I don't think that the Federal Government can interfere or should interfere with the right of any individual to take any position he wants. The only thing we should be concerned about is that it does not represent a diversion of funds which might be taxable to — for nontaxable purposes. But that is another question, and I am sure the Internal Revenue system examines that."

Several days later, the tax agency began an audit of 22 "extremist organizations."

Subsequently, several of the targeted groups lost their tax-exempt status.

During the Johnson and Nixon Administrations, the focus of the I.R.S.'s effort at political control was individuals and organizations demonstrating for civil rights and against the American presence in Vietnam. (Publicly, Lyndon B. Johnson worked hard for welfare legislation and signed the 1964 civil rights bill.)

On June 16, 1969, Randolph W. Thrower, I.R.S. Commissioner during the Nixon Administration, wrote a memorandum for the record about a meeting he had had that day with Arthur F. Burns, then counselor to the President. According to Thrower, Burns said that Richard M. Nixon was concerned "over the fact that tax-exempt funds may be supporting activist groups engaged in stimulating riots both on the campus and within our inner cities."

In late July, Donald Bacon, assistant commissioner for compliance, sent the other I.R.S. assistant commissioners and the agency's chief counsel a confidential statement about the formation of a group to coordinate all I.R.S. monitoring of "ideological, militant, subversive, radical and similar type organizations." This unit was soon officially named the Special Service Staff (S.S.S.).

I.R.S. opposition extended as well to a handful of lawyers who sought to use the Federal courts as a forum where important questions of social equity could be decided. The I.R.S. was initially baffled by these groups, which challenged the performance of both business and government regulatory agencies. Some requests for tax-exempt status were stalled, some were granted and others were denied.

One such public-interest group was the Project on Corporate Responsibility, which first filed its application for tax-exempt status on Sept. 3, 1970. Over the next two years, the I.R.S. asked time and again for additional information, and lawyers for the project kept asking the I.R.S. for a decision. Finally, on May 2, 1973, the group filed a suit asking a Federal court to order the I.R.S. to rule one way or the other. Two weeks later, the project was denied tax-exempt status.

The lead lawyer for the group — now the Center on Corporate Responsibility — was Thomas A. Troyer. With court approval, Troyer began



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discovery proceedings in the files of the I.R.S. and the White House. He soon found clear indications of political intervention. The center's application had, in fact, been approved within the I.R.S. That decision was reversed, however, after it was referred to Roger V. Barth, a former Nixon operative who had recently been appointed the tax agency's assistant to the Commissioner.

On Dec. 12, 1973, Federal Judge Charles R. Richey handed down his decision, one of the rare instances the agency has been formally reprimanded for engaging in political manipulations.

"A showing of political influence renders the Service's ruling null and void," Judge Richey wrote. "It is outside the law. The court is concerned not only with direct political intervention, but also with the creation of a political atmosphere generated by the White House in the Internal Revenue Service which may have affected the objectivity of those participating in the ruling in the plaintiff's case."

The following year, the group won tax-exempt status.

ALTHOUGH NIXON WAS notorious for treating the I.R.S. as though it were his private domain, the records show that Franklin Delano Roosevelt may have set the stage for the use of the tax agency for political purposes by most subsequent Presidents.

One of the most brazen instances of a political vendetta during a Presidency was the Roosevelt Administration's attack on Andrew Mellon. No historian has been able to determine why Mellon so enraged F.D.R., but there is speculation that the New Deal President saw the millionaire who served as Republican Treasury Secretary from 1921 to 1932 — a time of Wall Street excesses followed by the Great Depression — as the symbolic enemy. Nor has a document emerged that directly links Roosevelt to the decision to go after Mellon.

Elmer L. Irey, head of the criminal division of the Treasury's tax enforcement branch in Washington from 1919 to 1946, acknowledged in his 1948 autobiography that Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr. ordered him to develop tax charges against Mellon even though he, Irey, knew that the former Treasury Secretary was innocent.

A Justice Department memo written about the case in early 1934 shared Irey's sentiment: the charges against Mellon were either invalid or could not be proved. Nonetheless, on March 11, 1934, the Roosevelt Administration announced it would seek criminal tax-evasion charges against Mellon. According to the Justice Department, he owed the Government additional taxes for 1931 of about \$1.3 million, plus a 50 percent fraud penalty. The Bureau of Internal Revenue, as the tax agency was then known, subsequently upped Mellon's alleged tax debt to more than \$3 million.

The Roosevelt Administration then suffered one rebuff after another.

In Pittsburgh, Mellon's hometown, a Federal grand jury (comprising five laborers, two mechanics, two farmers, two clerks, two engineers, a carpenter, plumber, writer, lumber dealer and one banker) refused to indict Mellon on any charge.

The case moved to a new battleground — the Board of Tax Appeals, in Washington. At the time, the tax board, theoretically an independent agency, was housed within the executive branch, and board members tended to side with the Government. But after weeks of hearings and after reading voluminous legal briefs, the board on Dec. 7, 1937, issued a ruling that rejected the most significant aspects of the charges. Mellon was found to owe \$485,809 — about one-sixth of the tax agency's claim — but the board dismissed all the criminal and civil fraud penalties.

On another occasion, President Roosevelt himself, using his influence over the tax agency, came to the aid of a favored member of the Democratic Party.

In July 1942, the tax agency began a routine examination of the books of Brown & Root, a Texas defense contractor. What had caught the attention of the local agents were some company "bonuses" and "attorney's fees" that the recipients were hard-pressed to explain. The year before, Lyndon Baines Johnson, an ambitious young Texas Congressman with close ties to the company, had run for the Senate. I.R.S. auditors had an informed hunch that the bonuses and fees, which the company had deducted as business expenses, were actually campaign contributions, which, of course, were not deductible.

The agent in charge of the investigation was Elmer C. Werner. During the next 18 months, Johnson and his allies made repeated efforts to persuade the White House to order the I.R.S. to drop the inquiry. Johnson convinced James H. Rowe Jr., then a White House staff member, that the investigation had been inspired by enemies of the New Deal in Texas. Rowe sent Roosevelt a memo urging that the investigation be halted.

For a while, I.R.S. investigators refused to be deflected. By January 1944, Werner and his colleagues calculated that Brown & Root owed more than \$1 million in back taxes, plus a 50 percent fraud penalty.

On Jan. 13, 1944, Johnson met with Roosevelt in the White House. A few hours later, Elmer Irey, Werner's boss, telephoned the investigating agent in Texas. Irey said he had just been ordered to brief the President on the Brown & Root inquiry the next morning. Irey asked Werner to send him "detailed information on political payments made by Brown & Root Inc. to the Lyndon Johnson 1941 Senatorial campaign."

Three days after Irey's meeting with Roosevelt, an I.R.S. agent dispatched from Atlanta to look over Werner's material found the evidence insufficient for criminal prosecution. All Brown & Root was re-

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quired to do was pay \$372,000 in back taxes in a civil proceeding that, by law, was confidential.

Johnson, with the President's help, had avoided a public scandal that almost certainly would have ended his political career.

FEW CONGRESSMEN doubt the I.R.S. will strike back if sufficiently provoked. The fear of the tax agency is so great that many would prefer to give it a wide berth. Among the cases in which the I.R.S. used its power to squelch or threaten its Congressional critics are two in which information leaked by the I.R.S. short-circuited the careers of Senators heading committees that had dared to criticize the agency.

On Aug. 6, 1968, William Lambert, an associate editor of Life magazine and an investigative reporter, received a phone call from Sheldon S. Cohen, then I.R.S. Commissioner. Lambert remembers that Cohen was ecstatic. "He just wanted to offer me the I.R.S.'s congratulations."

The occasion of the call, says Lambert, was the defeat in a Democratic primary of Senator Edward V. Long, a noisy and difficult critic of the I.R.S. It was an article written by Lambert linking the Missouri Senator to the president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, James R. Hoffa, that had led to Long's defeat.

Long, a wealthy banker and lawyer, had been Missouri's Lieutenant Governor when he was appointed United States Senator on Sept. 23, 1960, after the death of the incumbent Thomas Hennings. Three years later, Long was named chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, a post his predecessor had held.

The broad mandate of the subcommittee allowed it to investigate almost any subject. Long and the subcommittee's chief counsel, Bernard Fensterwald Jr., decided to hold hearings on how several Federal enforcement agencies were improperly invading the privacy of American citizens.

Long's hearings during the mid- to late 1960's on the improper use of wiretaps and bugging devices by some agencies, including the I.R.S.,

were given considerable coverage in the press. In February 1967, Long published "The Intruders," a book that described how Federal agents had been routinely ignoring Government rules in their secret surveillance.

I.R.S. and Justice Department bureaucrats involved in ordering the buggings were outraged by Long's hearings. Although most of the improper surveillance had taken place during the Kennedy Administration, it fell upon Sheldon Cohen, appointed Commissioner by President Johnson, to defend the I.R.S.

In late 1966, according to Lambert, an official in the Justice Department who worked closely with the I.R.S. and who was an old friend, provided him with a juicy lead about Long. The official told Lambert he should inves-

tigate the connections between Long and Jimmy Hoffa. The link, the informant said, was Morris A. Shenker, a well-known Missouri criminal lawyer with ties to the teamsters' union.

"I went to St. Louis, met Shenker and did a lot of other reporting," Lambert recalls. "Then I came back to Washington and began pumping people I knew in the Justice Department." That was when Lambert was given the final tip that quickly led to the publication of his story: during 1963-64, Shenker had paid Long a \$48,000 fee (the circumstances of this payment was to become a subject of controversy).

Lambert says that, although this second bit of information also came from "someone in Justice," the original source had to be the I.R.S. Lambert was confident of his source because the tax agency and Justice Department were then conducting a joint investigation of the teamsters. He emphasizes,

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however, that he was not actually shown a copy of the tax returns of either Long or Shenker. (There was one later case, says Lambert, when the I.R.S. actually provided him with the tax return of a member of the House.)

Lambert's article ran in the May 26, 1967, issue of Life. There were several charges: Senator Long was strongly influenced to take up the investigation of Federal snooping by his friends in the teamsters' union. His hearings on the I.R.S.'s improper wiretapping had blunted the Government's war against organized crime. He could have accepted an illegal payoff.

Long denied any impropriety. He said that Morris Shenker was a distinguished Missouri criminal lawyer with many clients, that the \$48,000 payment was a legal finder's fee, and that the I.R.S. had previously not found fault with it. The Senator also noted that innuendos were raised about his business and legal associations only after he had exposed unlawful activities on the part of Government agencies.

The Senate's Select Committee on Standards and Conduct investigated Lambert's charges against Long and found no impropriety. Long had been an open booster of Hoffa, whom he once described as a dynamic and fighting union president, a man he was proud to support. And though Morris Shenker did have close connections with the teamsters' union, he was also a longtime political figure in the state's Democratic Party.

The Life magazine article, however, had a devastating effect on Long's career. Fifteen months after its publication, an ambitious young politician named Thomas Eagleton defeated Long in the 1968 Democratic primary and went on to win the general election. Long retired to his 1,600-acre farm and died in 1972.

Another Senator who incurred the wrath of the I.R.S. was Joseph M. Montoya, the amiable old-line Democratic politician who had begun his career as a state legislator in the 1930's. In December 1972, the director of the I.R.S. district in New Mexico began a search of the agency's files for information about him.

The search was begun shortly after Montoya, chairman of the appropriations subcommittee that approved

I.R.S.'s funds, announced that he planned to hold hearings on the agency's performance.

For an agency that had largely escaped regular Congressional oversight, Montoya's announced plan may well have sounded like an open declaration of war. And it was, in fact, one of the most difficult moments in the history of the I.R.S. The Montoya subcommittee had lined up a number of powerful witnesses who were prepared to present evidence that the agency managers were inept. In addition, the first stories about how the Nixon Administration had misused the I.R.S. were beginning to surface.

By the time the Montoya hearings got under way in Washington, in February 1973, the I.R.S. investigation of the Senator was rolling along. At one point, Donald C. Alexander, the new I.R.S. Commissioner, was reported by the Southwest regional commissioner as being delighted by the search of the agency files on Montoya. In the summer of 1973, however, Alexander ordered the Southwest regional commissioner to drop the investigation.

In October 1975, The Washington Post ran a front-page story by its investigative reporter Bob Woodward, in which several officials of the I.R.S. accused Alexander of improperly halting the investigation. The article quoted agency officials as saying they believed Alexander had halted the audit of Montoya because of the Senator's influence over the I.R.S.

Woodward reported the story had been leaked by I.R.S. agents. To this day, it is unclear whether the target was Alexander or Montoya or both. Alexander himself says a key motive was the hostility some I.R.S. supervisors in the Southwest felt toward the Senator, a leading Hispanic politician.

(Because of the high sensitivity of the late Nixon years to all questions of secret deals, and because Montoya had been a member of the Senate Watergate committee, Alexander's decision was then examined by both the Treasury and the Justice Departments. The verdict: Alexander had violated no laws, but his handling of the case left much to be desired.)

In a speech on the Senate floor on Nov. 20, 1975, Montoya insisted that his hearings on the I.R.S. were fair. "I

do not consider myself to be an enemy of the I.R.S. and I do not believe that the subcommittee has given any I.R.S. employee reason to be fearful of our power." But some I.R.S. employees were fearful, he suggested, and it appeared that they had decided to strike.

Although Woodward's story had noted that there was no evidence that Montoya had illegally evaded taxes or was aware of or sought special treatment from the I.R.S., the mere existence of a preliminary tax investigation was politically damaging. One year later, Harrison H. Schmitt, a conservative Republican and former astronaut, unseated the two-term Senator.

Since Montoya's departure from Washington, the Senate appropriations subcommittee has not held extensive oversight hearings on the tax agency.

AT THIS SUMMER'S House hearings on corruption within the I.R.S., the former head of the agency's criminal investigations division in Los Angeles was, among other charges, accused of harassing a blue-jeans company at the instigation of a rival that had offered him a job; a Washington official was cited for routing many of his trips through Atlanta to visit a girlfriend; a Chicago supervisor was charged with accepting gratuities from a delinquent taxpayer.

Two years ago, a study of I.R.S. managers by the agency itself found that they saw organizational policy as "too authoritarian... too conservative and too demanding of conformity." As for taxpayers, a 1987 Louis Harris and Associates survey for the I.R.S. showed that about one out of five Americans viewed I.R.S. employees as dishonest or not knowledgeable.

On July 5, Fred T. Goldberg Jr., a tax lawyer, became the new Commissioner of the I.R.S. Whether he can successfully build on the work of his 41 predecessors remains to be seen. But he and Congress could do much worse than to carry out the suggestions of the great 18th-century economist Adam Smith.

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New York, N.Y.
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Dear Rabbi Schindler,

I am sorry that I have so far been unsuccessful to see you face to face, since we last met in your office in New York many years ago despite your frequent visits to Israel, but I am glad that at least we keep our correspondence alive.

I still hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you during your next visit to JERUSALEM and shall then be able to have a long talk with you.

In the meantime I wish to bring to your kind attention our last project of J E W I S H F A M I L Y R E U N I O N S in Israel which our Institute is organizing in cooperation with the BETH HATEFUTSOTH in Tel Aviv and under the auspices of The Ministries of Culture, Education and Tourism and many other central Jewish organizations (Hadassah, Wizo, Bnei Brith et cet.) in Israel and the Diaspora.

I am taking the liberty of sending you the draft of the English version of our appeal which we intend to launch to JEWS AND Jewish Communities abroad and to ask them to join us in the venture of having as many Jewish families meet in Israel and join in efforts to study ways and means of preserving their Jewish Family Heritage.

This is, of course, not intended to be a substitute for Zionism but if may nevertheless be of not less importance for the struggle of our survival as Jews, both in Israel and more so in the Diaspora.

Your personal support of our project and even more so that of the the Reformed Movement of our mission would be of great help. We would therefore be most grateful if our project would be brought in one way or another to the members of all the Reformed Synagogues.

WHAT ABOUT THE SCHINDLER FAMILY, who's ancestors were probably shingle makers for the galician-podolian peasants huts. I still remember this industry in the hands of many Jews in the Bucovinian Carpetian forests where I used to wander with my friends in the footsteps of the Bal Shemtov who according to the legend lived and meditated there. My ancestors were Hassidim and so where, I assume yours. What to you know about them?

Looking forward with anticipation to hear from you and hopefully also to see you in the not too distant future, I wish you all the best

Cordially yours

Yizhak K.
Yizhak Halbrecht

J E W I S H F A M I L Y R E U N I O N S T O B E H E L D I N

I S R A E L

The Institute for the Research of the Jewish Family and its Heritage is organizing, in cooperation with the Museum of the Diaspora, BETH HATE-FUTSOTH in Tel Aviv, REUNIONS OF JEWISH FAMILIES in Israel, which all the descendants of common Jewish ancestors will be invited to attend. Bearers of the same, or very similar FAMILY NAMES, will also be invited to meet in Israel and whether they are, or are not related they may find out when meeting in Israel.

The purpose of these reunions, which it is intended to repeat every four years, is to strengthen the ties of all the descendants of the same ancestors between themselves and between them and Israel.

It is also hoped that these reunions will contribute to a growing motivation of preserving the JEWISH IDENTITY of all the descendants of Jewish ancestors and also induce them to preserve and cherish their JEWISH HERITAGE.

During the reunions, lectures on all the aspects and problems of the Jewish Family will be given, and Seminars will be held at the Beth Hatefutsoth on practical aspects of preserving the common Jewish Heritage. The Reunions will be followed by historical, archeological and cultural tours throughout Israel, under the auspices of the Israeli Ministry of Culture and Education and other cultural and educational institutions in Israel.

Following the reunions in Israel it is planned to organize tours in Europe and Africa, under the guidance of competent scholars, to visit Jewish historical sites and ancestral locales of the families. Many central Jewish organization and Jewish communities in the Diaspora have already expressed their keen interest in our project and it is hoped that it will soon become a world wide all-Jewish project.

For further informations on the project, please contact Prof. Yizhak Halbrecht at The Institute for the Research of the Jewish Family P.O.B. 121, Petah Tikva, Israel Tel. 03-781 989

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המכון למחקר בינתחומי
של מורשת המשפחה היהודית
ת.ד. 121
פתח-תקוה

ידידי הפרופסור הברקט,

שמחתי לשמוע שהמכון למחקר בינתחומי של מורשת המשפחה היהודית עתיד להצטרף למכללת בית ברל תוך שמירת אופיו המיוחד ועצמאות פעולתו. תקוותי ותפילתי שהמכון ימשיך להתפתח באכסנייתו החדשה, ויעלה בידו להגשים את משימותיו החשובות הכרוכות בהבלטת מרכזיותה של המשפחה היהודית ומורשתה.

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בימים הקשים הפוקדים אותנו אין להתיאש, יתכן ויגרמו לכך שגם הקיצוניים שבינינו יחפשו דרכים חדשות לפתרון בעיותנו המדיניות, - יעלו על דרך הישר, ויצטרפו לשקולים אחר המחפשים מגע עם נציגי הפלשתינאים, המבקשים להגיע למשא-ומתן מדיני העשוי להבטיח יציבות ושלוש לכל הנוגעים בדבר. רק הסדר מעין זה עשוי לאפשר מאמץ מירבי להעלאת איכות חיינו, ולחיים ערכיים אנו זקוקים יותר מכל.

בידידות ובמיטב האהולים,

אפרים קציר

M. Schindler

November 5, 1987

Maram Stern
Chairperson
European Union of Jewish Students
Chaussee de Vleurgat 89
B-1050
Brussels, Belgium

Dear Maram:

I profoundly regret that we will be unable to help you financially with your forthcoming project. This is not to say that it isn't entirely worthy and we would want to encourage you.

Unhappily, our funds are earmarked for specific activities and we are not authorized to expend them for ones not specifically designated by our Budget Committee. I hope you understand.

Cordially,

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler BSS,
DHL
838 Fifth Ave.
New York
NY 10021, USA*

Brussels, October 26, 1987 (jm)

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

As you may be aware 1988 will be the 50th Anniversary of the "Anschluss" of Austria, and the "Reichskristallnacht", the night when the first vicious attacks were made on Synagogues and Jewish property in Austria and Germany.

These events marked the beginning of the Holocaust and so are of such importance that we, the European Union of Jewish Students, will be concentrating all our activities for the year 1988 on them.

We hope to bring together students from 23 countries in a series of seminars spanning the whole year. At these we will study the rise of fascism and analyse what has been learned in the last 50 years.

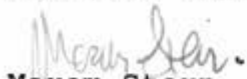
We are enclosing a presentation of our project which outlines what we hope to achieve during the year.

You will no doubt appreciate that such a project as this requires an enormous financial commitment from our organisation, and therefore we are making an appeal to you for financial support. Without your contribution it may not be possible for us to realise what we feel is a necessity if we are to educate our generation. We would like this project to reach as many students as possible throughout Europe, and we hope that it will not have to be restricted due to lack of finance.

We take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your help.

Yours sincerely,

EUROPEAN UNION OF JEWISH STUDENTS


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December 28, 1987
7 Tevet 5748

Mr. Morris U. Schappes,
Editor
JEWISH CURRENTS
22 East 17th Street
New York, NY 10003

Dear Morris:

It was good to learn of the plans you have made to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the State of Israel at the annual dinner in behalf of JEWISH CURRENTS. I wish you well in this endeavor and hope it is a successful and beautiful function.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible for me to accept your most gracious invitation to be one of the speakers at this dinner. I am committed to be in Massachusetts on May 1, 1988 and thus ~~it~~ cannot attend your function. This ~~is~~ regret.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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December 22, 1987

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Since our Annual Dinner is always held in May, our Dinner this year will of course have as its theme the 40th anniversary of the State of Israel. Our date is Sunday, May 1, and the locale is the Ansche Chesed Synagogue at Broadway and 100th Street. *at 1 P.M.*

Our plan is to have two speakers, one an Israeli. Since the American Friends of Peace now have informed us that they will be having a conference here at that time, we are at present in the process of arranging to have an Israeli peace now activist as that speaker. The second speaker would present an American view of the 40th anniversary. We should be honored if you would accept our invitation to be that speaker.

Each speaker would be asked to present a 15-minute address, the text of which would be published in our periodical.

It may be of interest for us to recall that the late Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein was our dinner speaker in 1966, while he was president of the CCAR.

Our publication does go regularly to your headquarters, but since you may not have seen it recently I enclose the current issue.

With best wishes,

Morris U. Schappes
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December 17, 1987

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
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*cc. Youth Rep.
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Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Shalom. My name is Jeannie Wollenberg and I am the coordinator of the 40th Anniversary celebration of the state of Israel for shlichim at the American Zionist Youth Foundation. I am presently collecting material to send to all our shlichim throughout the United States.

Each month I add more and more material to my mailings and send it to the shlichim. I would appreciate it very much if you could send me any material you have for the 40th. What I am referring to are lecturers, movies or exhibits that you are sponsoring. The information you give me will be sent out to all our shlichim to help them plan events in their communities.

If you have any questions or need any information please don't hesitate to call me at 212-751-6070 ext. 247. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Wollenberg
Jeannie Wollenberg
Coordinator of the 40th
For Shlichim

More Only

December 16, 1987
25 Kislev 5748

Mr. Sinai Leichter
88A Herzl Boulevard
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Leichter:

I regret the delay in responding to your letter of November 16. My travel schedule has been exceedingly hectic, including, as you know, a visit to Israel for the World Zionist Congress. I have just returned and hasten to respond to you.

I contacted all those I discussed with you to urge their participation in the work of Yad LaYeled. I spoke to them personally as well but in each instance, alas, they pleaded over-commitment. Their resources simply cannot assume any new projects. Needless to note, should any other possible donors come to mind I will make contact in your behalf.

With every good wish and warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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November 16 1987

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

I wrote to you before Rosh Hashanah and am not sure whether my letter reached you since I received no reaction from you. I hereby enclose copy of that letter just in case it did not reach you.

We here in Israel have been working hard during these last few months to crystallize the program of activities for Yad Layeled as well as making the final touches to the plans of constructing the Mishkan building for the Childrens Memorial Institute. You will recall that it is our intention to hold the ground breaking ceremony at the end of April 1988 to coincide with the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Our Committee has decided that we have to have at least one third of the cost of the building, namely one million dollars secured in cash or firm pledges before we may go ahead with the ceremony and subsequent construction work. Unfortunately we are still very far away from that target and I recall your comments on the possibility or rather impossibility of raising this kind of money by small contributions. You are absolutely right in your assessment of the situation namely that we must find one or two or three major donors of one million dollars each or something in those dimensions that will secure our project and enable us to implement the ideological program and educational program of the sponsors.

When I was at your office you mentioned several names of friends of yours who you would approach for meaningful participation. Among those names were Jack Hyatt and Seymour Pristine. I hope you are in contact with them and in order to provide you with some "ammunition" for your approach we are sending you the plans and some other relevant material in a separate envelope.

I would also like to remind you of the idea of Mr. Sigfried Wallach of Scarsdale who intended to call a parlour meeting of people of means in that community with you as Guest Speaker. I am writing to Mr. Wallach in order to encourage him to implement this idea in the hope that it will produce results. I think we have to work in all directions in the hope that results will be yielded to enable the people of Lohamei Haghetat and the committee of volunteers to go ahead with the implementation of our plans.

Thank you very much for your interest and your cooperation and wishing you success in your endeavors,

Cordially yours,

Sinai Leichter

Sinai Leichter

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September 3, 1987

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

It was very kind of you to receive me at your office and discuss the ways and means that you and your friends can help to implement the idea of Yad Layeled - Children's Memorial Institute at the Ghetto Fighters' Kibbutz north of Haifa.

I followed up your introductions and I hope that at least some of them will bear fruit. However real tachlis can only come from substantial donors such as Jack Wyatt and Seymour Pristine whom you mentioned. Dr. Hochbaum promised to look into the matter after his visit to Israel but his participation will only be limited to educational projects not to the cost of the building itself. I could not reach Mr. Rosensaft but left word with his secretary.

With cordial wishes to you and your family for the New Year and looking forward to seeing you in Israel.

Sincerely,



Sinai Leichter
Member of Steering Committee

More Ory

November 25, 1987
4 Kislev 5748

Ms. Elizabeth Graham Weymouth
Suite 9D
145 West 58th St.
New York, NY 10019

Dear Lally:

It was nice hearing from you and I certainly do recall meeting you at the Netanyahus.

Much to my regret it will not be possible for me to attend the Gala Celebration of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University on December 15. I'm leaving for Israel this week-end and my return flight is open for I will probably have to remain overseas until the 15th or 16th of December. There's no possibility of my returning any earlier.

Have a wonderful and successful evening! With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

ELIZABETH G. WEYMOUTH

Dear Rabbi. Schindler,
I met you at
Bibi Netanyahu's.

Please try and fit
this into your schedule -
Jelly Weymouth

American Friends of Tel Aviv University
Gala Celebration

145 West 58th Street Suite 9D
New York, New York 10019

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November 12, 1987
20 Heshvan 5748

Rabbi Gunter Hirschberg
Congregation Rodeph Sholom
7 West 83rd Street
New York, NY 10024

Dear Gunther:

Much to my regret the date selected for your installation as president of the New York Board of Rabbis is already reserved on my calendar. I will be at Brandeis University for a three-day seminar and the date cannot be changed as it was arrived at with great difficulty and a great many people are involved.

Needless to note, I am very sorry about the conflict. If there is any flexibility and the installation date can be changed I'd love to be a part of your simcha. If not, I certainly understand and will have to express my warm good wishes by the written word rather than my presence and participation.

With warm good wishes and regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

GUNTER HIRSCHBERG, D.D.
RABBI
CONGREGATION RODEPH SHOLOM
7 WEST 83RD STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10024

November 9, 1987

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

Dear Alex,

I am certain you will remember my telling you that I shall assume the Presidency of the New York Board of Rabbis and that my term of office will begin at the end of the year. I also communicated to you my great desire to have you as the main speaker at the installation ceremonies, and you were gracious enough to accept if your schedule permitted it.

The date for these ceremonies has now been set. They will take place on Sunday, February 28th at 3:00 P.M. at the Sheraton Hotel (the old Americana) on 6th Avenue and 52nd Street, and I do hope that you will be free at that time.

As you know, the NYBR is a Rabbinic umbrella organization and, with all its faults, is rare and important as such. I shall succeed Heskell Lookstein, an orthodox Rabbi, and to have the outstanding and representative Rabbinic Reform personality speak at my installation would be of great significance not only to me, but to Reform Judaism as well as ~~these~~ ^{these} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~NYBR~~ ^{NYBR}

Please let me know that you can make it.

With cordial regards to you and Rhea, in which Ruth joins me

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October 13, 1987
20 Tishri 5748

Rev. William H. Stemper, Jr.
Corporate Forum of New York
48 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Rev. Stemper:

I have shared your letter with Rabbi Schindler and he would be delighted to be continued on the list for invitations to future meetings of your consultation between CEO's of major U.S. corporations and heads of major religious communities.

While his travel schedule is a rather frenetic one, if he is able to be with you at some future meetings that would please him very much. So, he would be grateful if you would retain him on your mailing list.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

October 6, 1987

Ms. Edith Miller
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

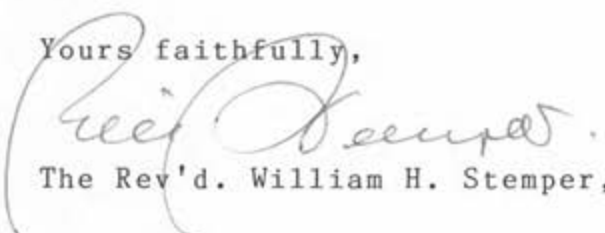
Dear Ms. Miller,

Thank you for yours of 1 September.

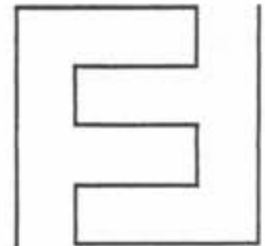
Could you tell us if the Rabbi wishes to receive invitations to future meetings of our consultation between Chief Executive Officers of major U.S. corporations and the heads of major religious communions?

I shall be happy to discuss this [✓]further with him if appropriate.

Yours faithfully,


The Rev'd. William H. Stemper, Jr.

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September 28, 1987

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

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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Following the great success of the Shazar Tribute Dinner we are commencing preparations for the second annual Shazar Tribute Dinner to be held on Thursday, April 21, 1988.

Our president, Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, has been nominated to receive this year's prestigious International Shazar Prize. The esteemed philanthropist, Milton Petrie, will be honored for his unstinting support and contribution to the advancement of historical consciousness.

In recognition of your stature and leadership, we are privileged to request the honor of your serving on the Dinner Committee.

An early confirmation of your acceptance would be most appreciated. Kindly sign the attached copy signifying your acceptance.

Cordially,

Etan Merrick

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Robert P Rittereiser
President
Chief Executive Officer

September 17, 1987

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the National Urban League's 31st Annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner to be held November 19, 1987 in the Grand Ballroom of The New York Hilton Hotel at 6:30 p.m. I'd like to invite you to serve with me as a member of the Dinner Committee.

As you may know, the National Urban League annually presents its Equal Opportunity Award to leading citizens whose commitment to equality is outstanding. This year, the NUL will honor David T. Kearns, Chairman and CEO, Xerox Corporation and past Chairman, National Urban League Board of Trustees for his many distinguished contributions to the cause of equal opportunity for all Americans; and The Honorable Robert C. Weaver, former Secretary, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and President Emeritus, Hunter College, for his long and dedicated commitment and contributions to human and civil rights.

The Dinner Committee will hold one meeting prior to the Dinner. We will meet on Thursday, October 1st, here at EF Hutton's Corporate Headquarters, 31 West 52nd Street, 29th Floor at 4:30 p.m. Please join Mr. John E. Jacob, President and CEO of the National Urban League, and me for the meeting.

I hope that you will serve with me on the 1987 Equal Opportunity Day Dinner Committee. The enclosed response card is included for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Rittereiser

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YIDDISH KEMFER

275 Seventh Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10001-6708

September 4, 1987

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

We are sure that you are well acquainted with the "Yiddisher Kemfer." We hope that you will agree with us that this is the best Yiddish magazine in America.

We are privileged to celebrate 80 years of the "Yiddisher Kemfer" almost without interruption. This is a great achievement for the Labor Zionist movement and for the Yiddish cultural life in America.

We decided to celebrate the achievements of 80 years "Yiddisher Kemfer" on Sunday, November 22, 1987 at the ballroom of the UJA-Federation.

As one of the communal leaders of the city of New York we ask you to become a sponsor of this celebration and we hope that you will accept it wholeheartedly. Your participation is of great importance to our committee.

Please fill out the enclosed card and return to us at your earliest convenience.

With many thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Motl Gildin
Motl Gildin, Chairman

For the Committee

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August 26, 1987
1 Elul 5747

Ambassador (ret.) Shaul Ramati
Conference Director
WOJAC
118a, Ben-Yehuda Street
63401 Tel Aviv
Israel

Dear Ambassador Ramati:

It was very good to hear from you. Thank you for the invitation extended in behalf of Mr. Leon Tamman and the Honorable Mordechai Ben-Porat to participate in the Third International Conference of WOJAC. I have watched the growth of the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries since its inception and am delighted with its development. It is an important new organization on the Jewish scene.

Much to my regret it will not be possible for me to participate in your forthcoming Conference. The General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will convene in Chicago the day following the close of your own conference. As you can appreciate I will be deeply involved in the Union's Biennial and a number of pre-convention meetings. Thus, my presence in Washington is simply out of the question.

I am taking the liberty of sharing the materials on the Third International Conference with our regional director for the Washington area. It may well be that some of our congregational members would be interested in attending the Conference and we will do our best to make it known to our Mid-Atlantic Council.

Let me take this opportunity to express my warm good wishes for a very meaningful and productive Conference. With warm good wishes for a healthy, happy and sweet New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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WORLD ORGANIZATION OF JEWS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES
ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES JUIFS ORIGINAIRES DES PAYS ARABES

Tel-Aviv, 12 August 1987

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler

I have the honour to invite you, on behalf of Mr. Leon Tamman, Chairman of the Presidium, and the Hon. Mordechai Ben-Porat, Chairman of the World Executive, to participate in the Third International Conference of WOJAC, the World Organization of Jews from Arab countries, which will take place at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington D.C. between 26-28 October, 1987.

The conference is being held in cooperation with the major Jewish organizations. The conference has four aims: -

1. To alert public opinion to the grave situation of Jews in some Arab countries, which deny to them their civil and human rights.
2. To focus world attention on the fact that a de facto exchange of Jewish and Arab populations has taken place in the Middle East.
3. To inform world public opinion in general, and the United States in particular, of the contribution of the State of Israel and the Jewish people to the solution of the humanitarian problems resulting from this population exchange and to examine possibilities of resettlement and rehabilitation of those who have not as yet been absorbed by the society within which they now live.
4. To publicise the right of Jews to claim personal and collective compensation from the Arab countries which deprived them of their property and possessions and to have restored to them cultural and religious treasures they were forced to abandon, as well as to win recognition of these rights by the United States Congress.

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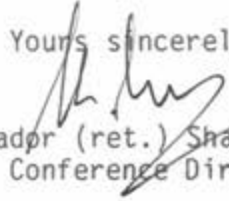
I am convinced that your participation will contribute to the success of this important conference in which we will be meeting with some of the main decision makers in Washington. Our joint effort can assure that the conference will, at long last, put the achievement of the legitimate rights of Jews from Arab countries on the international agenda and allow them to make their own modest contribution to the peace process, based on their unique experience and knowledge.

For your guidance, I am enclosing the agenda of the conference and the leaflet "What is WOJAC?"

We will be grateful if you would be kind enough to fill out the enclosed registration form and forward it to Prof. Haddad and to us at your earliest convenience. This will greatly facilitate administrative arrangements.

We will be most honoured and delighted to have you participate in our conference.

Yours sincerely,


Ambassador (ret.) Shaul Ramati
Conference Director

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

August 26, 1987
1 Elul 5747

Rabbi Richard S. Sternberger

Enclosed is self-explanatory. There is a conflict as the date of the WOJAC Conference is exceedingly close to the UAHC Biennial. However you may know of some interested parties in the Washington area so I am sharing this material with you in the event you wish to inform some of your Mid-Atlantic Council rabbis and/or leadership.

Fond regards.

MENTAL ILLNESS RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
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June 25, 1987



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*Am glad to
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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I spoke with Rabbi Malino about the possibility of my contacting you in reference to the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression and its Mental Illness Research Campaign. Since my relationship with Jerome extends back some fifty one years to the time of his arrival in Danbury, I felt completely comfortable about asking for his help. He obviously felt equally comfortable about allowing me to use his name in writing to you.

I have worked as a volunteer for 35 years in the mental health field with much of my energy committed to the National Mental Health Association. I was delighted when the Association joined forces with other mental health groups to form NARSAD, which funds exciting new research into the biological origins of major mental illnesses.

NARSAD is launching an ambitious national fund raising program. Its Mental Illness Research Campaign will raise \$10 million in the next three years to support scientists at research institutions and universities across the country in their efforts to better understand the causes of depression, schizophrenia, and other affective brain disorders.

The Nobel Laureate, Dr. Julius Axelrod, and the eminent researcher, Dr. Eli Robins, serve as primary advisors to NARSAD's distinguished Scientific Council. Senator and Mrs. Pete Domenici of New Mexico and Barry Bingham, Sr., of the Louisville Courier Journal, have agreed to participate as Honorary Chairmen of the Research Campaign.

Rosalynn Carter, Katherine Graham, Rev. Mellick Belshaw, Mary Lasker, Jennifer Jones Simon and other prominent Americans have already joined its Sponsors Committee. The chance of success for the Campaign and for the research it supports will be significantly strengthened if you will join also. The Committee will not be expected to meet or to take a hand in campaign planning. The prominence of its membership alone will indicate the importance of the work we are undertaking.

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler
June 25, 1987
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Your endorsement of this vital work will speed the day when the terrors of major mental illnesses no longer afflict us and our children.

I have enclosed a brochure describing the Research Campaign and a reply card for your convenience. Please let me know that we may list your name among the Sponsors.

I know you must receive many requests of this nature and would certainly understand if you wanted to know more about the person asking this. Rabbi Malino would be happy to provide additional information should you want it. What better references could I offer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eleanor Kohn".

Eleanor S. Kohn

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Leading Scientists

NARSAD's Scientific Council represents a cross section of the foremost researchers in the many specialties now studying severe mental illnesses.

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Vital Research Initiatives

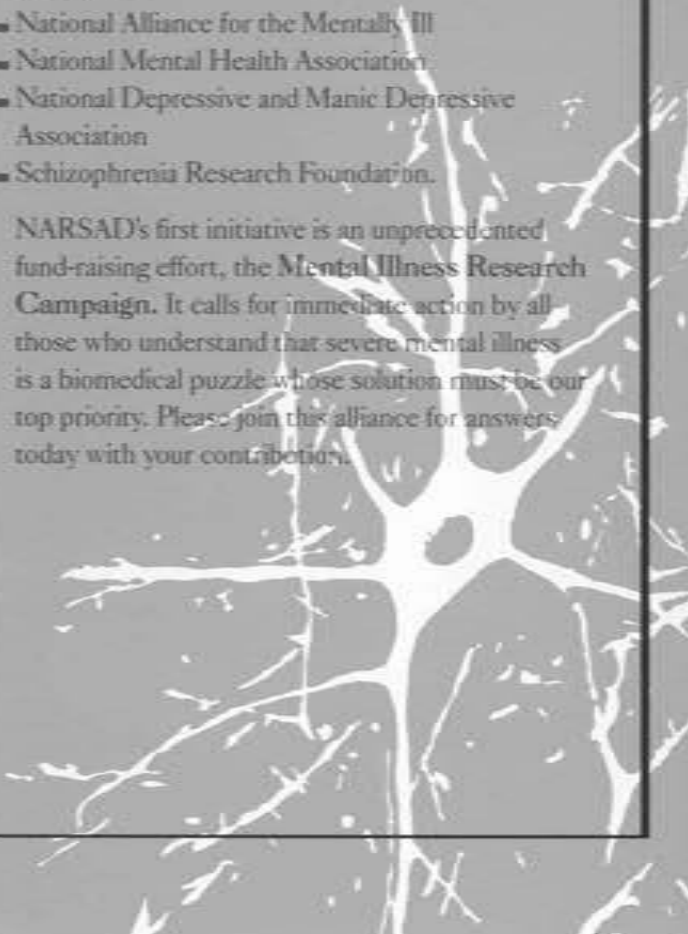
Finally there is real hope of conquering the devastating, mysterious illnesses of schizophrenia and depression. For the first time in the history of research into these baffling diseases, science is focusing its attention on their biological origins and finding answers.

New research directions have already given us knowledge essential to the fight against mental illnesses. An amazing array of technologies can actually show us the brain at work and point toward prevention and cures of disorders.

If the compelling promise of new research is to be fulfilled, however, its programs need support *now*. The leaders of four major citizens' groups have joined their energies to form the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD).

- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
- National Mental Health Association
- National Depressive and Manic Depressive Association
- Schizophrenia Research Foundation

NARSAD's first initiative is an unprecedented fund-raising effort, the Mental Illness Research Campaign. It calls for immediate action by all those who understand that severe mental illness is a biomedical puzzle whose solution must be our top priority. Please join this alliance for answers today with your contribution.



The Tragic Toll

In both human and economic terms, schizophrenia and depression exact an enormous national toll:

- **14.5 million** Americans are afflicted; at best they are disabled for a period, at worst shattered for life.
- **\$20 to \$48 billion** is spent each year on medical and social services for victims of schizophrenia and depression.
- **25 percent** of all beds in our hospitals are filled by mentally ill patients—more beds than for the victims of heart disease, cancer, and respiratory ailments *combined*.
- **40 percent** of the homeless on our city streets have schizophrenia.
- **15 percent** of all Americans will suffer a major depressive episode during their lifetime. Less than a third of them will receive any form of treatment.
- **66 percent** of patients with schizophrenia remain completely or partially disabled by the disease for the rest of their lives.



National Neglect

Even though we and our children suffer greatly from the burden of mental illnesses, our nation has done shamefully little to support the search for answers.

Research funding comparisons are startling:

- While we allocate \$203 in research money for each cancer patient and \$88 for each heart patient, we spend only \$7.35 for each American with schizophrenia (about the same amount as is spent to study tooth decay).
 - On a per patient basis, the total dollars spent for research on schizophrenia and depression *combined* average only 12 percent of the amount spent on multiple sclerosis and 2 percent of the amount spent on muscular dystrophy.
 - While 42 percent of cancer research is funded from non-governmental sources, only 15 percent of mental illness research is privately funded. Large cutbacks in federal funding frequently threaten existing programs.
- Funding for research into severe mental illness should not be siphoned off from research money devoted to other serious diseases. But mental illness research must begin to get its fair share of attention from government agencies and from the private citizen.
- We are acting now to combat public apathy through a nationwide effort to provide funds for vital studies into brain disorders and to foster understanding of this major health problem.



Unlocking Troubled Minds

"I feel I am trapped inside my head, banging against its walls, trying desperately to escape," wrote one schizophrenia sufferer about the daily reality of her disease. The **Mental Illness Research Campaign** will work to release the hold of schizophrenia and depression on the minds of millions of sufferers.

The Campaign will raise \$10,000,000 over the next three years to fulfill central commitments to:

- Finance creative research into the causes, prevention, and cure of severe mental illnesses
- Discover and encourage promising young investigators who will become the new generation of research leaders
- Support university-based research centers where vital interdisciplinary studies can be accomplished
- Provide researchers with the advanced technology they need to diagnose and treat the profoundly complex problems of brain diseases.

To make sure your contribution will be used to fund the most valuable research, we have enlisted a distinguished Scientific Council of experts from across the country. The group is headed by Dr. Herbert Pardes, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University and formerly director of the National Institute of Mental Health, and Dr. Floyd Bloom, a leader in neurobiological research who is a director of the Research Institute at Scripps Clinic. The Honorary Chairmen are Nobel Laureate Dr. Julius Axelrod and noted psychiatric researcher Dr. Eli Robins.

Joining the Alliance

Our citizens' initiative for action on mental illness has done much already to encourage innovative research. You can further support that research through a contribution to the **Mental Illness Research Campaign**.

Enthusiastic friends have made significant early contributions to the Campaign effort. In fact, enough has been raised to enable us to make our first series of grants. The first NARSAD grants will be made for the 1987-88 academic year to research scientists across the nation.

Your personal contribution now will strengthen our cause. Whatever the amount of your gift, it will be an important commitment to the Campaign.



Please support our mandate to make research into crippling mental disorders a national priority. Make your gift today. (And please ask other family members and friends to contribute, too.)

All gifts to the **Mental Illness**

Research Campaign are tax deductible as provided by law.

Checks payable to NARSAD should be sent to:
Mental Illness Research Campaign
The Northern Trust Bank
P.O. Box 75716
Chicago, Illinois 60675-5716

These illustrations of neural cells represent revolutionary molecular biology research that is offering new insight into severe mental illnesses.

Your stamp is
one more gift
to NARSAD

Weston R. Christopherson
Campaign Treasurer

MENTAL ILLNESS RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

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Mental Illness Research Campaign
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In support of the **Mental Illness Research Campaign**, I/we enclose a gift of:

☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$ _____

Gifts of \$250 and more may be pledged now and paid in three installments over the next 12 months.

I/we pledge \$ _____ for the first Campaign year, Enclosed \$ _____

Payment schedule: \$ _____ due on _____ \$ _____ due on _____

(NARSAD will send a pledge reminder on or before the dates above.)

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Signature _____

Name (please print for correct gift recognition)

Address

City

State

Zip Code

My company participates in a matching gift program:

Company Name (please enclose appropriate form)

Checks and securities should be made payable or assigned to NARSAD.

All gifts to the Mental Illness Research Campaign are tax deductible as provided by law.

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June 17, 1987
20 Sivan 5747

Robert K. Domer, Secretary
National Interreligious Task
Force on Criminal Justice
920 - 13th Street, Northwest
Canton, OH 44703

Dear Mr. Domer:

Thank you for your informational letter of recent date and the materials you shared on behalf of the NITFCJ. Yours is a very worthy undertaking and that makes me regret even more the fact that I cannot accept the invitation to join with you in this Task Force.

I, personally, and the members of the UAHC staff must each wear many hats as we do not have a very large executive staff. We are all terribly over-extended and it would be unfair of me to become involved in yet another Task Force or Committee. It would not be fair to the staff. It would not be fair to the organization. I do hope you understand my situation and explain to your colleagues the reason for the absence of representation from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

We do have an Interreligious Affairs Committee and if at any time you require information or assistance on an ad hoc basis we would, of course, try to respond to your request. Ms. Annette Daum directs the work of that division.

With every good wish and kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Kindly Respond to Secretary:
920 - 13th Street NW
Canton, OH 44703

National Interreligious Task Force on Criminal Justice

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

June, 1987

Att: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

The National Interreligious Task Force on Criminal Justice (NITFCJ) operates under the JSAC agency umbrella to focus on issues in our criminal justice system. Some of the member agencies provide us with financial support, some with representation, and others provide both. Our goal as a task force is to define as precisely as we can a role for the religious community in the United States throughout the justice system.

Currently, we seek to broaden our base of support, and are inviting your judicatory to join with us in our efforts to address the issues and to offer recommendations to smooth out the unevenness we find. We would like to ask you or your designee to review the attached information packet, which will provide a brief accounting of our stewardship, and review the aims and objectives which will guide us in these next few years. Wishing to be more inclusive, more representative, and seeking more input from more agencies and persons, we pray you will give our program your support. Should you wish a personal contact, we would be pleased to provide it as well.

Clearly, justice issues have compounded enormously. We have more people on Death Rows than ever before. Almost every state and most cities experience massive overcrowding in jails and prisons. Drugs, aids, alcohol, violence all contribute new urgency to finding solutions. Costs for new facilities have gone out of sight, all this at a time when most programs are suffering from budget constraints of every kind. Of course, our Task Force cannot change these realities. What we can do is to identify them, study them, and consider solutions and alternatives which we can then share with our judicatories for their consideration. Change occurs only when people understand and demand them. The religious community is in best position to reach the greatest number of people. But decisions need to be made knowledgeably.

We welcome your joining with us in whatever ways you can. Should you wish additional information, we would be pleased to provide it. Should you also wish a personal contact, we would be happy to make it. Won't you support our modest effort to increase our general awareness so that more people can know and understand the issues before our justice system?

May we hear from you soon.

Encl: Information Packet

Respectfully,

Kathy Lancaster
Rev. Kathy Lancaster
Chair
Robert K. Domer
Robert K. Domer
Secretary



National Interreligious Task Force on Criminal Justice

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An Information Packet

To assist your judicatory in evaluating our programs, aims and objectives, we are pleased to enclose herewith the following information for your consideration:

1. Brief information/response form
2. Brief history of the Task Force activities
3. Mission Statement of Goals and Objectives for 1987-89
4. Listing of Current Judicatory Membership
5. Current Balance Sheet and Budget Information
6. Listing of Current Officers and Steering Committee
7. Some of the NITFCJ publications
8. Summary of 1987 Meeting Sites; 1988 Preliminary Plans



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Information/Response

To complete our records, would you kindly indicate in the spaces below, the information we have requested. This will assure that the appropriate person(s) will receive mailings and information.

Correct Judicatory Name :

Correct Mailing Address :

Correct Area Code/Phone :

Officer to Whom Future
Mailings to be Sent :

Alternative Person :

Comments/Suggestions :

If our Task Force is requested to submit financial request forms, would you either enclose samples of such forms, or indicate how (and when) such requests should be submitted to comply with your budgetary process.

Brief History of Task Force Activity

Although the National Interreligious Task Force on Criminal Justice has been active since the mid-1970's, a brief review of its programs will supply your judicatory with an overview for your information.

The task force is organized by volunteer persons from a variety of criminal justice backgrounds, each of whom represents his/her own judicatory, or is an independent volunteer. These persons possess different levels of skills, ranging from highly skilled professionals regularly employed in a criminal justice agency, program or institution, to single volunteers who give of their time and skills in counselling, visiting, or advising on a direct-service basis, persons who are confined. Some of our members are ordained professionals; some are lay-professionals; some have very limited backgrounds; all are, however, very dedicated to aiding in bringing about improvements in the system of criminal justice.

The task force meets three times annually. Usually, one of those meetings occurs in the New York area, and the other two take place in a variety of regional settings to enable persons there to have access and input to the task force which provides a forum for their concerns.

In the past, the task force has:

1. Published materials on issues facing the criminal justice system;
2. Organized and conducted seminars, workshops and programs on major justice issues (In 1983, a seminar on Breaking the Cycle of Violence and Vengeance was held in Indianapolis);
3. Investigated a variety of criminal justice issues (In 1985, the Marion Prisoner's Rights; in 1987 the plight of the Marielitos in Atlanta);
4. Developed a working plan for inclusiveness, to include the People of Color Task Force, Hispanics, Native Americans, and others;
5. Networked with a wide variety of related agencies including the National Moratorium on Prison Construction; the National Prison Project; the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty (with which it maintains an active joint-committee); and a host of local programs and agencies focused on more localized issues.
6. Developed an Interfaith Conciliation Service, arranged for staffing, program support, and on-going programming.

Currently, the task force has a variety of issues under active consideration. These include: the role of the religious community in Death Penalty matters; the impact of the new federal sentencing guidelines, sanctuary issues, the conference on the abolition of prisons, victimization issues, prison alternatives, excessive use of force by police, academic and vocational educational programming in institutions, chaplaincy, and more.

Members have attended conferences in Milan, Italy; Amsterdam, The Netherlands; and two members participated in a prison overcrowding project in England, Sweden, West Germany and France.

NATIONAL INTERRELIGIOUS TASK FORCE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives adopted for the 1987-89 triennial period.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The National Interreligious Task Force on Criminal Justice is an interfaith association of national religious bodies and other affiliated organizations committed to equal justice, the creation of safe and just communities, and the protection of human rights for offenders and victims alike. It supports a national religious agenda for criminal justice and conflict resolution, collaborates with other national coalitions, and forms linkages with the efforts of local and regional organizations. Its intent is to work toward goals and objectives through:

- advocacy for systemic change (prophetic denouncing of injustice, crisis intervention, witness by physical presence of individuals and groups)
- education (sensitizing people of faith and a national constituency to the issues of justice related to the criminal justice system, developing and disseminating printed resources, participating in educational forums)
- networking (communicating with and supporting people of faith working on behalf of justice across the United States, supporting global linkages, and encouraging the energies of those at work for systemic change)

GOAL #1: Develop the membership base of the Task Force so as to be more inclusive and diverse in terms of race and religion.

OBJECTIVE-

- a. Continue dialog with racial/ethnic constituencies to address issues of racism.
- b. Continue to work with the People of Color Task Force on Criminal Justice.
- c. Continue individual and collective efforts to recruit new religious and other groups to affiliate with the Task Force.

GOAL #2: Involve the interreligious community in addressing issues of social and criminal justice.

OBJECTIVE-

- a. Develop more intentional relationships with related groups in the religious community (e.g., Justice for Women Working Group, Ecumenical Minority Bail Bond Fund, others.)

NITFCJ GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (continued)

GOAL #2 (continued)

- b. Communicate by means of a newsletter and other published resources. .
- c. Develop regular interactions with constituencies represented on the Task Force and others.

GOAL #3: Address the overarching issues of violence and vengeance.

OBJECTIVE-

- a. Continue to use systemic analysis of United States society as a tool for understanding and addressing issues of violence and vengeance.

GOAL #4: Encourage and support groups working for community justice.

OBJECTIVE-

- a. Continue support of the Interfaith Conciliation Center.
- b. Continue to interact with local programs and initiatives by strategic selection of Task Force meeting locations and agenda.

GOAL #5: Oppose injustice in, and identify and promote alternatives to, the criminal justice system.

OBJECTIVE-

- a. Seek an end to the violence committed against prisoners (e.g., Atlanta penitentiary, Marion prison), respond to prison crises as they arise, and seek preventive measures.
- b. Begin to work with the sanctuary movement, especially as it relates to the United States criminal justice system.
- c. Seek abolition of the death penalty.
- d. Respond to crises in the criminal justice system as they arise.
- e. Seek reduction in the use of prisons, and support alternatives to incarceration.
- f. Address the misuse of the grand jury system as employed in the United States.
- g. Oppose racial violence wherever identified.
- h. Oppose language which oppresses.

NATIONAL INTERRELIGIOUS TASK FORCE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE
YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1986

Balance carried forward from 1985:

\$ 3,900.14

INCOME:

United Methodist - National	\$ 3,000.00	
United Methodist - Church & Society	1,000.00	
UMC - Women's Division	1,000.00	
Presbyterian Church (USA)	2,000.00	
Amer. Bapt. - Nat'l. Ministries	1,500.00	
Amer. Bapt. - Chaplaincy	500.00	
Reformed Church	500.00*	
Disciples of Christ	1,500.00	
UCC (Grant for L. Kirkwood)	1,000.00#	
American Lutheran	100.00	
Contributions	50.00	
Sale of Publications (+ \$12.00)**	1,166.95	
Meeting Receipts	1,710.50	15,027.45
		\$ 18,927.59

EXPENSES:

		<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Consultant	\$ 1,806.48	56.48
Newsletter	1,803.62	303.62
Administration	915.61	315.61
Meeting Expenses:		
General	33.75	
Resource	850.00	(1,166.25)
Grant:		(200.00)
NCADP	1,000.00	500.00
PCTFCJ	2,315.00	(1,935.00)
Publications	162.48	(537.52)
Funding Development	6.82	(143.18)
Meeting Expenses (- \$24.00)**	3,059.70	
Contingencies	29.87	
	11,983.33	

BALANCE ON HAND END OF YEAR:

\$ 6,944.26**

* \$500. additional in AR from Reformed Church
\$500. held over for funding for 1987

**NOTE: Balance at year's end adjusted from \$6,908.26 as reported at meeting to \$6,944.26 after auditing against JSAC account.

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NATIONAL INTERRELIGIOUS TASK FORCE
ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1987

INCOME:

United Methodist Church - National	\$ 3,000.	
United Methodist Church - Church & Soc.	1,000.	
United Methodist Church - Women's Div.	1,000.	
Presbyterian Church (USA)	2,000.	
Episcopal Church	750.	
American Baptist	1,000.	
Disciples of Christ	1,000.	
UCC (received in 1986)	500.	
Reformed	1,000.	
Sale of Publications	500.	
Unanticipated Receipts	250.	
		\$ 12,000.

EXPENSES:

Newsletter (2 issues)	1,500.	
Administration	1,000.	
Meeting Expenses:		
General	500.	
Resources	1,000.	
Grants		
NCADP	1,500.	
PCTFCJ	3,000.	
Crises Response	1,500.	
Contingencies	250.	
Funding & Membership Development	1,250.	
Publications	500.	
		\$ 12,000.

Approved 1/17/87



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Secretary	Robert K. Domer, Consultant, Lutheran Church in America (Retired University Instructor) (Ohio)
Treasurer	Jean Bailey, Presbyterian Criminal Justice Program (Virginia)

The Members of the NITFCJ Steering Committee

Officers named above, plus:

Persons representing the Peoples of Color Task Force:

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1987 Meeting Sites

- Mid-Winter Meeting Paschal's Motor Hotel
830 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, January 16 (Steering Committee)
Friday, January 17 (General Meeting)
Saturday, January 18 (General Meeting)
- Spring Meeting Episcopal Church of the Redeemer Retreat House
7 East 95th Street (Off Fifth Avenue)
New York, New York
Thursday, April 23 (Steering Committee)
Friday, April 24 (General Meeting)
Saturday, April 25 (General Meeting)
- Fall Meeting Bond Place Hotel
Toronto, Ontario (Canada)
Wednesday, October 7 (Steering Committee)
Thursday, October 8 (General Meeting)
Friday, October 9 (General Meeting)
Planning Coordinator: David McCord

1988 Meeting Sites

- Mid-Winter Meeting Site Undetermined
San Antonio, Texas
Saturday, January 9 (Steering Committee)
Sunday, January 10 (General Meeting)
Monday, January 11 (General Meeting)
Planning Coordinator: Ricardo Sanchez
- Spring Meeting Site Undetermined
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 21 (Steering Committee)
Friday, April 22 (General Meeting)
Saturday, April 23 (General Meeting)
Planning Coordinator: Jane Motz
- Fall Meeting Site Undetermined
Cincinnati, Ohio
Saturday, October 15 (Steering Committee)
Sunday, October 16 (General Meeting)
Monday, October 17 (General Meeting)
Planning Coordinator: Rev. Matthew Stephens



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National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution

June 3-8, 1986

Regency Hotel, Denver, CO

The first National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution at the University of Georgia at Athens in March, 1983 and the second at the University of Missouri at St. Louis, September 1984, were exciting and eclectic events.

They brought together representatives of the complete gamut of peacemaking and conflict resolution models -- from teaching creative conflict resolution to children, to third party intervention and negotiations in international conflicts. They debated the hard questions -- should the field of mediation be controlled by courts or by community-based projects; how power disparities between conflicting parties influence agreements; whether panelists should be certified and, if so, by whom? And they offered skills building, resource materials, and opportunities to find kindred souls and professional colleagues.

The third NCPCR in June 1986 promises to be equally significant. Its theme is "Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution as a Social Movement: Power, Justice, and Institution Building. June 3 and 4 will be devoted to Training Workshops, offering from three to twelve hours of skills building in a given area. From June 5 to 8

the conference will feature plenary sessions, workshops and caucuses for interest groups.

We urge wide participation by persons in the religious community and ask that you copy and distribute this advance information to your colleagues.

We have much to learn about developments in this rapidly growing field. We have much to contribute. We bring a conviction that peacemaking and conflict resolution should continue to be seen as a social movement and not be relegated solely to the professional realm. We are committed to the empowerment of persons and groups to own and to be involved in the resolution of their own conflicts. And we bring models of individuals and groups from the religious community intervening in difficult situations for the sake of peacemaking, with justice.

Under planning by the Religious Community Section, we will have an opportunity to share the experience of some of those persons and groups. Terry Waite, Secretary for Anglican Communion Affairs and a Special Envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury who is negotiating for the release of hostages in the Middle East, has been invited to be keynote speaker in the opening plenary of the conference. His topic will be "Peacemakers and Peacemaking: When Conventional Ways and Wisdom Fail."

Mr. Waite is also scheduled to participate in a workshop format. In "ROLES OF THE

Interfaith Conciliation Center News



RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY IN INTERNATIONAL CRISES: ENVOYS SHUTTling ON THE SECULAR/SACRED EXPRESS, participants will have an opportunity to dialogue with Mr. Waite. In addition to his current efforts on behalf of Americans held in Lebanon, Mr. Waite negotiated the release of four Britons detained in Libya in summer 1985 and three Anglican missionaries held in Iran in 1981.

A second workshop entitled, "ROLES IN CURRENT CRISES: WHEN, WHY AND HOW THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY INTERVENES," will be moderated by James Shannon, Director of the General Mills Foundation. Topics and panelists are:

The Move Confrontation in Philadelphia - the Rev. Paul M. Washington, Rector of the Church of the Advocate.

Human Responses to Farmers in Economic Crises - the Rev. Charlotte Reif, pastor of rural United Methodist congregations and member of the Iowa Interchurch Agency for Peace and Justice.

The Tri-State Conference on Steel: Reindustrialization - Richard Zelik, O.F.M., Social Action Minister for the Office of Peace and Justice, of the Province of St. Augustine, Pittsburgh.

Conciliation and Confrontation: Crucial Questions for Just Peacemaking - Lois Kirkwood, Co-chaplain at Hofstra University; Ph.D. Candidate, Union Seminary NYC; and member of Steering Committee, Interfaith Conciliation Center.

A third workshop, "ROLES OF THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY IN CRISIS: THEOLOGICAL IMPERATIVES AND INSTITUTIONAL BASES," moderated by Stan Kano, chair of the Interfaith Conciliation Center, will include:

Putting Faith to Work in a Neighborhood Victim Assistance and Restitution Project - Erma Gaines, volunteer in this Detroit project and member of National People of Color Task Force on Criminal Justice.

Challenging Governmental Infiltration of the Sanctuary Movement - the Rev. James Oines, Alzona Lutheran Church in Phoenix.

Working from an Avowed Faith Perspective - Dr. E. Ronald Bard, Director of Christian Conciliation Service of Denver, Inc.

The Congregation as Enabler in Conflict Resolution - Dr. Ron Mock, Assistant Director Center for Peace Learning at George Fox College in Newberg, Oregon.

In a Pre-conference Training Session, "Peacing it Together: Organizing Locally and Coalition Building for Peace With Justice," Dr. Carl Schneider, of the Divorce Mediation Institute in Chicago, and Ginny Mackey, of the Interfaith Conciliation Center, will share a video tape of a congregation organizing a sanctuary project and address the theory and practice of organizing and networking.

The National Association for Community Justice will hold a membership meeting in conjunction with NPCR 1986 and sponsor a caucus for persons working from religious bases. Its co-sponsors will include the Christian Conciliation Service, Mennonite Conciliation Service, and the Interfaith Conciliation Center.

In addition to your attendance, we would like to share your concerns, your papers, and brochures about your religiously-based projects with conferees. Please contact Ginny Mackey, 188 Eastgate Dr., Rochester, NY 14617. Phone: 716-467-9710 or 325-7727.

The range of other conference topics is certain to cover your own interest. Under "Areas of Practice," workshops include: Community Models; Family; Justice System; International; Environment; Institutionalized Mechanisms for Resolving Disputes; Policy; and Conflict in Workplaces.

Workshops on "Education" will present models for all educational levels and address "Theory, Research, Evaluation, and Issues" Panels on "Issues Essential to the Field" will cover: Race and Ethnicity; Ethics and Values; Cultural Dynamics and Crossculture Approaches; Gender; and Peacemaking and Non-violence.

For information on registration: Karen Covi, 323 Academic Building U. of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. Phone: 404-542-2887



*Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution as a Social Movement:
Power, Justice, and Institution Building*

GETTING TO THE NCPDR CONFERENCE

NCPDR planners have tried to keep hotel and local transportation costs moderate. The Regency Hotel offers singles @ \$55; doubles at \$60; and up to two additional persons @ \$5.00 each. There is free limousine service from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to downtown Denver.

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OTHER CONCILIATION EVENTS

The 1986 training schedule for the Schools Initiatives Program of the Community Board Center for Policy and Training includes four-day institutes in Washington, DC May 13-16 and in San Francisco, October 7-10. Participants will learn to work cooperatively with schools in developing Conflict Manager's programs for elementary and secondary schools; train students to be Conflict Managers; and train the trainers of student Conflict Managers. A training institute for educators will be offered in San Francisco June 24-27.

The fee is \$585 and includes only the cost of training. Housing accommodations must be made separately. For further information: 149 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. Phone: 415-552-1250.

Two Regional Conferences on Nonviolence are scheduled: The first is May 16-18 at Rosary-Hammond, Louisiana. Contact person: Mary Ann Abel, 546 Bienville St., Baton Rouge, LA 70806. A second is June 13-16 at Monte Toyon in Aptos, CA. For information: West Coast Nonviolence Network, 2124 Kitredge St., #66, Berkeley, CA 94704.

The National Coalition Building Institute, Inc., announces "Prejudice Reduction Workshops" in which participants learn to help individuals and groups examine deep issues of identity, unfreeze prejudicial attitudes, act on the basis of shared values and know what to do when values are in conflict. Dates: April 4-6 and Aug. 11-13 in Boston.

Also, a "Leadership Training Institute" in which participants learn to identify and resolve intergroup conflicts, locate the key issue in any complex situation, define self-interest in a way that builds bridges and develop multi-cultural programs and

coalitions for their own organizations and interest groups. Dates: Aug. 6-10 in Boston. For information: Miriam Jefferson, 59 Forest Street, Providence, RI 02906. Phone: 401-421-1685.

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MORE CONCILIATION NEWS

The Pastor as Peacemaker was the title of a conference in November, sponsored by the Maine Conference, United Church of Christ and American Baptist Churches of Maine. The event offered resources for ministries of justice and reconciliation, examined controversial ministries such as a congregation's becoming a sanctuary for refugees and included workshops on topics such as integrating one's role as a minister with one's voice as an individual, conflict resolution and healing. For information: the Rev. Otto E. Sommer, P.O. Box 730, Yarmouth, ME 04096.

Christians for Justice Action (a network of United Church of Christ members committed to the biblical vision of justice and peace) presented a "Burning Bush" award to Perry Blanchard for his role in the current farm crisis. Blanchard is a lay minister serving a three-yoke parish that includes the Albion Congregational Church UCC, and the Spalding and Akron Presbyterian Churches in Nebraska. CJA News says that he "is articulate in discussing the situation facing family farmers and has organized teach-ins. He has also played a mediating role in some dangerous confrontations between angry farmers facing foreclosures and deputy sheriffs sent out to enact foreclosure orders." Address: Albion Congregational Church, UCC, Albion, Nebraska 68620.

The Judicial Process Commission of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries in Rochester, NY is offering three-session workshops on "Conflict and Mediation" to congregations. The first session is on types and dynamics of conflict; the second on effective listening and communication skills; and the last on mediating a particular type of conflict in which the group is most interested. For more information: Fritz Longabaugh, JPC, 121 North Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, NY, 14614. Phone: 716-325-7727.

A Community Based Victim Restitution Project in Detroit is a response of neighborhood organizations within the North Central Seven Community Organization to their experience of crime. Concerned about the need for emotional and financial support to victims and encouraged by results of Victim Offender Reconciliation Projects, the project aids the community by:

- providing a monitored system as a means for convicted offender(s) and victim(s) to mutually agree on a restitution contract.
- involving more community residents in resolving conflicts within their neighborhoods.
- strengthening community ties to victims and offenders.
- providing access and input into the justice system.
- training residents to provide psychological/practical assistance to crime victims.

For information: Maureen Taylor, Director
1305 E. State Fair, Detroit MI 48203
Phone: 313-366-0876.

Working from a philosophy that "Justice begins with Victim Assistance," the Genesee County Sheriff's Department in New York State has a continuum of programs designed to implement their credo: a Juvenile Community Service Program, a Victim/Offender Reconciliation (Intervention) Program, an Intensified Work Release Program and Jail and Prison Diversion. Operative since 1983 and taking cases as difficult as armed robbery and criminally negligent homicide, the program has built a record of substantial benefits to the persons involved and to the community. For information: Dennis Wittman, Sheriff's Dept., Main St., Batavia, NY 14020. Phone: 716-344-2550.

Under a grant from the State Office for the Aging, the Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution in New York City trained thirty-five persons over the age of fifty-five. Training was designed to meet the needs of older workers being shut out of the job market and to mobilize their natural abilities and experience so they can continue to contribute to their community. For information: Laura Blackburne, IMCR, 49 East 68th St, NY, NY 10021
Phone: 212-570-9400.

In National Institute of Justice Reports (SNI 193, Sept. 1985), Albie Davis and Kit

Porter report on a schools mediation project in Hawaii. Training is offered to students, teachers, administrators, counselors, and parents. Successful evaluations prove the worth in this multicultural urban environment, as well as in New York City and San Francisco.

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ARBITRATION BEST APPROACH TO TERRORISM?

Sydney J. Harris, syndicated columnist, entitled a recent piece, "Terrorism won't go away until disputes can be arbitrated." Making the point that "it is not depravity" but desperation and a perceived injustice which it is felt cannot be removed or relieved by any legitimate means that generates terrorism, Harris argues that "it seems clear that swift and certain punishment of the culprits is no solution."

Food for thought

"Of course there will always be injustice in the world," says Harris, just as there will always be illness and infection. But while we have learned to take preventive measures against disease, we have done practically nothing to forestall the fury of partisans who lack an adequate Court of Appeal, with the power to enforce its decisions."

Therefore, the "only possible way out of this fatal impasse lies not in an international pact to prosecute terrorism as much as an international effort to adjudicate and arbitrate these social ills and inequities before they suppurate and burst."

Harris' column made an interesting companion piece in the January 29 issue of a Gannett newspaper (Democrat & Chronicle, Rochester, NY) to an article entitled, "Europeans think 'cowboy' Reagan overreacting on Libya." Its author, Admiral Sir James Eberle, director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London, contends that "people in Europe see the actions of these terrorist groups as being a challenge to society rather than to national security. They must be dealt with firmly, but within the due processes of the civil law. To resort to the use of naked military force is seen not only as going well beyond the processes of the

civil law, but also as an action that is likely only to lead to further and escalating acts of reprisal by the terrorists."

In a third article of the same date, editor James Wall writes in Christian Century about media's role in shaping responses to terrorism. "Qaddafi as Villain Fulfills Media Needs," says Wall, but "the American public is not well served by reports that cast the news in hero-villain terms." He notes that this tendency to cast events in win-lose terms is derived from an ancient theological heresy, Manichaeism (the belief that the world is divided into contending realms of good and evil).

The price we pay for over-simplification, says Wall, is that "the root causes of terrorism and the danger of worldwide conflict are bumped to the back pages." As Harris suggests, arbitration may not make the stuff of daily headlines, but it is designed to address root causes.

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CCNCILIATION RESOURCES

From Cornerstone, a center for justice and peace, two pieces:

- Conflict Management: A Curriculum for Peace, designed for classroom and church school teachers, grades K-12. \$9.50 postpaid.
- How to Avoid World War III at Home: Conflict Management for the Family. Suggests practical ways to deal with tattling, fighting, refereeing, teenage years, families in search of shalom. \$10.50 postpaid.

From: 920 Emerson, Denver CO 80218
Phone: 303-831-7692

"Retributive Justice, Restorative Justice" by Howard Zehr. One of a series of occasional papers issued by the Mennonite Office of Criminal Justice. Single copy free and rates for quantities. Also, The Forgotten Neighbor, a 10-minute slide/tape presentation focusing on the experience of crime victims. Rental \$5; purchase \$40. It is designed as a companion piece to the booklet Who is My Neighbor? Learning to Care for Victims of Crime. Single copy free; rates for quantities.

From: 220 West High Street, Elkhart, IN 46516. Phone: 219-293-3090.

Albie Davis, director of the Mediation Project in the District Court in Salem, MA is the contact person for two resources:

- Mediation: An Alternative that Works, defines both court and school-based projects and highlights successful models.
- Guidelines for a Drop-out Prevention Program of the Massachusetts Department of Education, which suggests mediation as one of its recommended approaches.

Address: Holyoke Building, Holyoke Square Salem, MA 01970. Phone: 617-745-9010.

Peaceful Persuasion: A Guide to Creating Mediation Dispute Resolution Programs for College Campuses. \$15.95 postpaid. From: University of Massachusetts Mediation Project, 425 Amity Street, Amherst, MA 01002.

VORF PLANS A GATHERING IN 1986

A third Annual VORF Gathering will be held on the campus of Valparaiso University July 13-16. The agenda will be a mix of practice and idea, workshops and round-table discussions, and participants from both the private and public sectors. Contact the National VORF Resource Center, 106 North Franklin, Valparaiso, IN 46383 for more information. Phone: 219-464-1400.

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CANADIAN NETWORK FOR COMMUNITY JUSTICE

In late 1985 The Network for Community Justice and Conflict Resolution became a reality in Canada. Its formation was spearheaded by Community Justice Initiatives in Kitchener, Ontario. Funding for the project includes a commitment of \$34,000 each from the Canadian Justice Department and the Solicitor General, as well as \$5,000 from the Mennonite Central Committee.

The Network will foster community response to crime and conflict that attempt, wherever possible, to bring restoration and reconciliation to individuals and groups affected by conflict. Dean Peachey serves as coordinator; Cathy Skeen as Resource center Manager. Address: 298 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario N2H 2N5 Canada Phone: 519-744-6549



THE NATIONAL INTERRELIGIOUS TASK FORCE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

NITFCJ and the National People of Color Task Force on Criminal Justice met jointly in January. NPCTFCJ named Erma Gaines, Ricardo Sanchez, and Matthew Stephens to the Steering Committee. Margaret Woods has been named as coordinator for NPCTFCJ. Her address is: 592 North 6th Street, # 6B, Newark, NJ 07107.

The Task Force meets three times a year and serves as a clearinghouse for the exchange of ideas and resources. Its five "Key Issue" Groups reported the following plans:

- 1) POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY - Convenor: Mary Powers, Citizens Alert, 407 S. Dearborn Chicago, IL 60605. Phone: 312-663-5392

Goals:

- establish a national network for accountability in law enforcement
- stimulate public education and awareness of excessive and deadly force
- advocate training programs which de-escalate the potential for violence
- examine models of police chaplaincy
- serve as a collection and distribution point for information
- examine the role of media in communities troubled by excessive violence
- collect information on the problem of suicides in holding facilities
- invite the families of victims of police abuse to share information
- publish material on deadly force for bulletin inserts in churches.

- 2) PRIVATIZATION OF PRISONS - Convenor: Stan Kano, Creative Options, 7600 Wayzata Blvd., Golden Valley, MN 05760

Goal:

- to help the religious community assess and influence the debate about privatization and "prisons for profit."

Kano emphasized that NITFCJ's major concern is about "prisons for profit." It's possible that some contracts in the non-profit sector could have a creative influence on improving conditions and in structuring release programs in which prisoners obtain needed skills and services. The following list of questions was developed by Al Wengert for use in assessment:

Political Issues - Will prisons become controlled by special interest groups (persons with financial investments) rather than public interest?

- Will public employees be willing to give up their civil service positions and benefits?

- Will the private sector only accept the most "profitable" inmate--who needs the least medical treatment, therapy, education, etc.?

- Will it remove prisons another step away from public control and public accountability?

Legal Issues - If states delegate both authority and responsibility to the private sector, ultimate liability will still rest with elected officials. How will they maintain responsibility without control?

- How can the issue of security and public safety be delegated?

- If the civil rights of an individual are violated, can the private vendor be liable for monetary damages?

Financial Issues - Will privately owned and operated prisons in the end be less expensive? What is the experience of private hospitals, for example?

- What are the hidden costs to government for contracting with a corporation? (Unemployment, bankruptcy, etc.)

- Is private financing more desirable than public in building prisons?

- Will private financing be used to sidestep public objection to building new prisons and acquiring greater public debt?

Moral Issues - Should there be profit from other's intentionally inflicted pain?

- Is there an inherent conflict between profit and mercy?

- Is it ethical to gain profit from less job security, less retirement benefits and less financial security for employees?

- Does inmate labor in a private corporation constitute slavery? (Forced labor for the profit of another)

- Doesn't this miss the central objection that for the most part prisons are useless and ineffective for social control or personal reform?

- Is there a difference between contracting for specific services within a public institution and contracting for an entire institution including custody, medical

care, etc.? What about use of force?

- What implications would such a change have for religious presence in an institution, particularly on chaplaincy?
- Would there be any incentive to being "effective" in rehabilitating an offender since it would reduce the number of future "clients?"

Miscellaneous Issues - What can we learn from the recent trends in the medical industry--government and insurance companies limiting profits?

- What is the track record of large, privately owned corporations in relationship to human rights--here and in third world countries?
- What issues are resolved if the corporations is non-profit?
- What incentive could be written into the contract to guarantee early release of prisoners?

3) DEATH PENALTY - Convenor: Bob Gross, P.O. Box 600, Liberty Mills, IN 46946

Goal:

- to serve both NITFCJ and the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty in providing resources and educational material, developing curricula, gathering theological resources, and linking groups working from religious bases in local communities.

4) CONCILIATION - Convenor: Jim Stephens, 8371 Suzanne, Detroit, MI 48234

Goals:

- to extend the work of the Interfaith Conciliation Center and to assist it in raising questions on the ethics of mediation of family disputes, power inequities between disputing parties, and "pacification" of the poor and people of color.
- to promote attendance by persons from the religious community at the Denver NCPCR and to disseminate papers of particular interest to religious groups.
- develop conciliation training for clergy and chaplains.

5) COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA - Convenor: Ricardo Sanchez, 1819 Blanco, San Antonio, TX 78212

Goal:

- to highlight the work of the Task Force through preparation of a press kit, promotion of Key Issue Group work,

preparation of articles for Grapevine and other religious publications, inviting local persons to a portion of each Task Force meeting, and publishing Criminal Justice Update three times a year.

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WORKSHOP ON SYSTEMIC ANALYSIS

In preparation for the Task Force's Workshop on Systemic Analysis, scheduled for May 12 and 13, Lois Kirkwood presented an introduction to required readings and to the primary resource: Henriot and Holland's Social Analysis: Linking Faith and Justice. The perspective of these authors is that Western societies are facing crises because:

- (1) their secularization cuts them off from their religious roots of creativity. Western ideologies especially marginalize the religions and culture of indigenous peoples.
- (2) the religious stance they do adopt fails/fears to understand the prophetic stance; it is pietistic, private, or oppressive.

People of faith, then, are challenged to be open to the divine roots of creative energy and to the possibility of transformation of social life and structures. In asking itself how it, its Key Issue Group members, and the religious community across the country can best approach transforming the way we think about and act on crime and criminal justice, the Task Force --in its May meeting--will analyze:

- (1) the explicit/implicit values of the criminal justice system,
- (2) who is benefitted by its structures,
- (3) who is disvalued by its structures.

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1986 CONVOCATION ON JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY

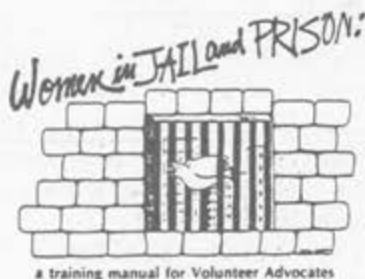
Preliminary publicity lists the 1986 convocation for jail and prison ministers for Detroit, April 21-25. Dr. Ben Chavis, who was recently named as head of the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ, will be keynote speaker. For information: Team for Justice, 1035 St. Antoine, Detroit MI 48226.



RESOURCES

BULK COPIES AT BARGAIN PRICE!! The following issues of Grapevine: "From Conflict to Conciliation" (Vol. 14 No. 9, Apr. 83); "Violence and Vengeance" (Vol. 15 No. 9, Apr. 84); "Sanctuary--Issue for the 80's?" (Vol. 16 No. 6, Jan. 85); and "Violence Against Asians" (Vol. 16 No. 9, Apr. 85) are available @ \$1.75 per 50 copies, postpaid. Payment must accompany order. From: Clara Merritt at JSAC's address below.

Written by Connie Baugh of Citizen Advocates for Justice and produced by the Justice for Women Program of the National Council of Churches, this attractive manual includes:



current data on women in prison; resources on how to organize local programs, train volunteers and leaders, and biblical materials to sustain the involvement of religious persons. \$7.50, postpaid, from: Elizabeth Scott, Room 572, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115.

Contact the ACLU, P.O. Box 437, Atlanta GA 30301, for the report of a March 6-8, 1986 conference on community strategies for fighting crime in the 1980's. Persons from a wide spectrum of private and public groups met to "Redefine the Crime Debate" and to work together to reduce crime.

In September of 1971 New York's Attica prison was the scene of a riot in which 39 persons were killed. In



The Turkey Shoot former N.Y. State Prosecutor Malcolm Bell tells the full story of Attica and the massive coverup which followed. William Sloane Coffin says, "Caring Americans should read what this eminently caring American, Malcolm Bell, has written." \$21.50 postpaid, from: Grove Press, Dept. TBR, 196 W. Houston St., New York, NY 10014.

Arlene Carmen and Howard Moody write about their ministry with prostitutes in Working Women. Harvey Cox recommends it: "The writers describe the women with whom they lived and worked with humor, and without either romanticising or degrading 'the life.' This is not a book for specialists or reformers, but for anyone ready to test his or her prejudices." Toll-free order number at Harper & Row: 800-638-3030.

Dealing with Incest: A Portfolio for Those Working With Victims, Offenders & Families \$20.00 Canadian. From: Community Justice Resource Center, 298 Frederick St. Kitchener, Ontario N2H 2N5, Canada.

The November issue of Media and Values focuses on violence and sexual violence in the mass media. It includes a summary of the National Council of Churches' study. \$3.00. From: 1962 S. Shenandoah, Los Angeles, CA 90034.

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April 23, 1987
24 Nisan 5747

Dr. Hugo Weisgall, Chairman
Berlinski Archive Committee

and

Mr. Neil W. Levin, President
Sabin Music Center
3080 Broadway, Room 625
New York, NY. 10027

Dear Dr. Weisgall and Mr. Levin:

Many thanks for your letter informing me of the progress being made on The Herman Berlinski Archive at the Sabin Music Center. I am delighted to know what is transpiring.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible for me to be at the official opening of the Archive at the November 8 concert. This I much regret. It would have been a privilege to share in this very special moment but my travel schedule precludes my presence.

With every good wish and kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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March 31, 1987

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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

The Executive Committee of the Herman Berlinski Archive at the Sabin Music Center and Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your moral support and for your generous donation.

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that our funds now permit us to proceed with the first phase of the project. We hope that all music scores of Herman Berlinski will be in place at the Sabin Music Center by fall. The annotated catalogue is also in progress. You will be interested to know that donations have been received from contributors in the United States, France, Germany and Israel.

On Sunday, November 8, at 3 PM, at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York, the official opening of the Archive will be marked by a concert of Dr. Berlinski's works. Details of the program will be announced later, and we hope that you will plan to attend this momentous event. The Washington Cathedral will present the world premiere of Dr. Berlinski's new cantata, "Etz Chayim in Terezin," on September 27, 1987, followed by a concert of some of his major organ works at Washington's National City Christian Church on October 4. This May 25, Dr. Berlinski will present his organ sinfonia, "The Glass Bead Game," at the Musica Sacra Viva Festival, in Munich, West Germany.

Once again, please accept our deep appreciation for your interest and support. We will keep you informed about further progress in the building of the Archive and the composer's artistic activities. May we take this opportunity to wish you and your family a joyous Passover.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Hugo Weisgall

Neil W. Levin

Chairman
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Director
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Mike

*Tell him
I'll be glad
to sign.*

April 22, 1987

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

This is the letter we drafted to present our proposal to Hands Across America. Jeremy Karpatkin from my office will call you Thursday to check to see if its okay.

*called
4/29/87*

Thanks for all your help.

Best,

Mike

Mike

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April 22, 1987

Dr. Irwin Redliner
Hands Across America
100 East 85th Street
New York, NY 10028

Dear Dr. Redliner,

Thank you for your interest in and support for **Justice for All**. Enclosed please find an expanded proposal and budget for the project, which we are submitting on behalf of the project's Initiators.

We believe this project will make a very important contribution to the ongoing effort to raise public awareness about poverty in America, and will take us a significant step towards ultimately abolishing this national tragedy.

The support **Justice for All** has already received is an indication of the broad range of individuals and organizations we will be able to reach on November 17 itself. We have to date received the support of the U.S. Catholic Conference, the National Council of Churches, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, several prominent corporate leaders (including Fletcher Byrom, former Chair of the Committee for Economic Development), the Bricklayers Union, Consumers Union of the United States, Members of Congress from both political parties, the National Urban League, and numerous anti-poverty groups, civil rights groups, constituency organizations and leading figures in the arts and entertainment community (see the enclosed list of Initiators.)

As you can see from the enclosed budget, we expect to be able to carry out this project for approximately \$370,000. We have so far received financial support from the Villers Foundation, Consumers Union of the United States, and the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen. We are confident that we will be able to raise additional support from trade unions, religious funding organizations and foundations. We are requesting a grant of \$180,000 from USAFA/HAA. This will enable us to increase substantially the pace of our organizing efforts, hire staff and consultants and raise the additional funds we will need to implement **Justice for All**.

As you know, the goal of **Justice for All** is to reach into every home and community in America to increase public knowledge of the realities of poverty and the poor in America, and hopefully to motivate people to act on this knowledge. With the support we have already received and the kind of support we

Dr. Irwin Redliner / April 22, 1987 / Page 2

expect to receive soon, we have no doubt that **Justice for All** will achieve its goals.

All of us have been very active in the struggle against poverty. We have been deeply involved in efforts to provide direct relief and aid to the hungry and homeless, and we have been active in the effort to motivate a public commitment to abolishing poverty, through direct person-to-person help and through changing public policy. We are joining together to develop **Justice for All** because we believe a project like this is vital to the ongoing efforts to wipe out poverty in our land. By supporting **Justice for All**, USAFA/HAA is supporting our ongoing work against poverty, and the work of countless others like us throughout the United States.

Thanks again for your interest and support.

Best regards,

Bishop Paul Moore	Rabbi Alexander Schindler	Bishop Joseph Sullivan
Episcopal Bishop	U.A.H.C.	Catholic Charities

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January 30, 1987

Mr. Hans d'Orville
InterAction Council
One United Nations Plaza
Room 2 2162
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. d'Orville;

It was good of you to respond to my January 28 letter so promptly. I am grateful for your kindness.

The list of spiritual leaders who will participate in the Rome meetings is an impressive one. However, I have double checked my own schedule and find that it will not be possible for me to be in Rome on March 9-10, 1987 and therefore I must decline the invitation to serve on the Council.

As you can appreciate, I have many requests to join boards and committees. As I am loath to lend my names to causes, no matter how worthy, when I am unable to give any time or effort, I have made it a practice to decline invitations for causes and events which I am unable to serve beyond the giving of my name. I do hope you understand my predicament and accept my declination in the spirit in which it is given.

With every good wish for the success of the InterAction Council and its work, and with kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Bradford Morse
Secretary General

28 January 1987

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

On behalf of Mr. Bradford Morse, Secretary-General of the InterAction Council who is away from New York, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 28 January 1987, in response to the invitation extended to you by Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Fukuda.

The list of spiritual leaders, who have already agreed to participate in the meeting are:

Cardinal Koenig	Catholic
Reverend James Morton	Protestant
Dr. Ariyaratne	Buddhist
Reverend Niwano	Buddhist - Japan
Mr. Shoubao Li	China

We are still awaiting a reply from Sheikh Gad-el-Haq of Egypt, a muslim leaders.

On the side of the Council, the following members are expected to participate, in addition to Mr. Schmidt (Federal Republic of Germany), and Mr. Fukuda (Japan), Malcolm Fraser (Australia), Selim Hoss (Lebanon), Misael Pastrana Borrero (Colombia), Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo (Portugal), and Pierre Elliott Trudeau, (Canada).

In the hope that you will be able to attend this important event, I remain with high esteem

Yours sincerely,

Hans d'Orville
Hans d'Orville

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
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January 27, 1987

Hon. Helmut Schmidt, Chairman
and
Hon. Takeo Fukada, Honorary Chairman
InterAction Council
One United Nations Plaza - Room 2162
New York, New York 10017

Dear Messrs. Schmidt and Fukada:

It was an honor to receive your gracious invitation to join with you in the important work of the InterAction Council. The list of participants on your letterhead is indeed a distinguished group.

However, before I can respond properly, it would be important for me to know the leaders of the religious community who have been invited to meet with you in Rome this March. If you have had any responses, I should like to know but, in any event, a list of the invitees would be helpful to me.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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Bradford Morse
Secretary General

26 January 1987

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

It is with highest respect that we extend to you our invitation to join us and a few of our colleagues who have served as heads of government in our respective countries in order that we may have the benefit of the guidance of those, like you, whose lives have been devoted to spiritual affairs in an intensified joint search for new approaches to peace and justice.

We believe that political leaders have not always taken into account the perceptions and reflections of spiritual leaders, and that perhaps spiritual leaders have sometimes not fully understood the challenges which confront public leaders in the discharge of their daily responsibilities.

For these reasons, we the undersigned, the Chairman and the Honorary Chairman, respectively, of the InterAction Council, an organization which consists of some 30 men and women who, as heads

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of state or heads of government of countries in all parts of the globe -- North, South, East and West -- have had responsibilities for the guidance of the affairs of their nations, invite you to meet with us in Rome on 9 and 10 March 1987.

If you are able to accept this invitation, please reply at your earliest convenience to Mr. Bradford Morse, Secretary-General of the InterAction Council, Room 2162, One United Nations Plaza New York, N.Y. 10017 U.S.A. Further details will then be provided to you. The InterAction Council will of course cover all appropriate expenses.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us for a two-day meeting which will permit us to explore new possibilities and new approaches for peace and justice, the enhancement of human dignity and the improvement of the human condition through a greater understanding of the inter-relationship between development, population and environmental issues.

We believe that the Rome meeting will truly help us to accelerate the advance toward the goals for which all humankind so earnestly yearns.

With highest respect and esteem,

Helmut Schmidt
Chairman
InterAction Council

Takeo Fukuda
Honorary Chairman
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January 26, 1987

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
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Dear Rabbi Schindler,

I am writing to enlist your help in what I think might be one of the most important social undertakings of 1987. This is not an appeal for funds. It is a cry for help.

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of my book The Other America. There are many painful realities in the world today, but none hurts me more than this: poverty is an even greater problem now than it was 25 years ago, and the general public is just as unaware today as it was when I and many others first brought this terrible tragedy to light. Reflecting on this, I have come to the conclusion that I have no choice but to rededicate myself to the cause of fighting poverty. I had once believed I might see it eradicated in my lifetime -- now I must abandon that dream, but surely our country can make greater progress than it has thus far.

Don't mistake me: there is significant public concern for the poor, the homeless, and the hungry in the United States. But there is enormous ignorance about the dimensions and nature of poverty. And at the extreme, one can even sense a calculated program of disinformation to justify abandoning a public commitment to ending poverty.

I am therefore mounting a campaign to both educate the American people about the true extent and character of poverty today, and challenge them to renew a collective commitment to eliminating it. I am proposing a broad citizens committee, non-partisan in character, with representatives from churches, unions, minority organizations, business, women's organizations, and both political parties.

I have in mind a national "Day" focusing on poverty, not unlike Earth Day in conception, sometime shortly before Thanksgiving this year. Colleges, churches, unions, schools, and community organizations of all kinds will be invited to participate, and will hold events and activities of all kinds: teach-ins, vigils, films, lectures, hearings, sermons (on the nearest Sabbath), conferences, telethons, and so on. The national coordinators will make suggestions and provide resource materials, but there will be ample opportunity for local initiative and innovation.

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Where "Hands Across America" asked people to demonstrate their compassion, we would ask of them even more: to spend a day thinking and learning about poverty, its causes, and some possible solutions.

I want to ask you, Rabbi Schindler, to allow me to list your name as an Initiator of this effort. As you will see from the list below, I am inviting a diverse group of prominent Americans to join me as Initiators of the Day; what we share is a deep and abiding concern about the millions of Americans who live in poverty. By signing on, an initiator is not committed to any particular analysis or program -- only to the idea that it is necessary and appropriate for people to learn more about this problem and increase their efforts to fight it.

In 1962, I would have found it inconceivable that a quarter of a century later we would be, in so many ways, back where we started. So I make this effort with not a little sadness. And yet I firmly believe that people are ready to listen and care again. I hope you will join me in this crucial effort.

Best,



Michael Harrington

P.S. We are unfortunately organizing this under difficult logistical and funding deadlines, so I will be calling you quite soon for a reply. Let me apologize now for being so pushy.

Initiators Invitation List (in formation)

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan
Marian Wright Edelman
Robert Greenstein
John Brademas
Margery Tabankin
Nancy Amidei
Jack Sheinkman
John Kenneth Galbraith
Lane Kirkland
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Phil Villers
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January 16, 1987
15 Tevet 5747

Mr. Martin J. Hochberg, Chariman
Prisoner Outreach Program
B'Nai B'rith International
1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Hochberg:

Inasmuch as Rabbi Schindler is out of the city I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 12th in regard to the International Coalition for Jewish Prisoner Services.

I am taking the liberty of sharing your letter with our Senior Vice President and Director of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, Albert Vorspan. Your request for atticles and information on the Prisoner Outreach Program falls within his purview and I am asking him to determine just what the UAHC can do in regard to publicity that will be helpful in bringing to the American Jewish Community the work of this new coalition.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

cc: AL VORSPAN



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January 12, 1987

COMMISSION ON
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VOLUNTEER SERVICES

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Back on the 9th of September we wrote to you advising that B'nai B'rith International convened a conference of professional and lay persons involved with various facets of Prisoner Outreach Programs and formed the INTERNATIONAL COALITION FOR JEWISH PRISONER SERVICES. We briefly explained what the new Coalition was all about and provided you with some materials outlining our aims, goals, and concerns.

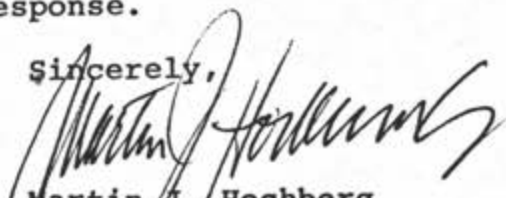
The purpose of the letter was not only to introduce the newly formed Coalition but to seek your support and blessings, if you will. While we are in dire need of funding, our main thrust at this time is informing the Jewish communities that there are indeed Jews in prison who need support. We were hopeful that you would publicize the INTERNATIONAL COALITION FOR JEWISH PRISONER SERVICES through your organization publication. We would also welcome any thoughts you may have because, remember, our Coalition is in its infancy stages and we are open for any and all suggestions.

B'nai B'rith International is convening a meeting of its CVS Commissioners early in February and I will be attending as the Commissioner responsible for the B'nai B'rith International Prisoner Outreach Program. I plan to report at that meeting on the results of our mailings to non-B'nai B'rith Jewish organizations throughout the United States, Canada, and Israel. I would like to be able to report that your fine organization is supportive of this very important Coalition. And if you will publicize the Coalition, I would appreciate a copy of the article because we are maintaining records of those organizations who are assisting us.

"Kol Yisroel Araivim Ze Le Ze" - "All Israel are responsible for each other."

Thank you in advance for your response.

Sincerely,


Martin J. Hochberg
Chairman
Prisoner Outreach Program

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January 15, 1987
14 Tevet 5747

Mr. Antony Lerman, Company Secretary
Institute of Jewish Affairs LTD.
11 Hertford Street
London W1Y 7DX

Dear Mr. Lerman:

I was delighted to learn that Dr. Roth has nominated me for membership on the Board of Management of the Institute of Jewish Affairs. I am honored by this nomination and it pleases me to accept.

Inasmuch as the Annual General Meeting is to be held on February 2, 1987, I am unable to attend. I will be happy to sign an Instrument of Proxy, however one was not enclosed with your letter. You were kind enough to send out a notice of the Annual General Meeting but no Proxy form was enclosed. Perhaps this is because the election will take place at the Annual General Meeting and my Proxy might not be valid until after such an election.

Be that as it may, if you do indeed require an Instrument of Proxy signed by me please do forward same to my office and I will see that it is returned without delay. Again let me tell you how pleased I am by this nomination to this most important Institute.

With kindest greetings and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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5 January 1987

Rabbi Alexander Shindler
Union of Hebrew Congregations
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Dear Rabbi Shindler

I am pleased to inform you that you have been nominated by Dr Stephen J Roth for membership of the Board of Management of the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London, the research body of the World Jewish Congress.

Elections to the Board will take place at the Annual General Meeting on 2 February 1987.

Board of Management meetings take place once a year and persons not resident in the UK are not required to attend. If you cannot attend Annual General Meetings, you may sign an Instrument of Proxy instructing another member of the Board of Management to vote for you. Instrument of Proxy forms are sent out with notices of Annual General Meetings.

I would be grateful if you would reply indicating your willingness to be elected. Meanwhile, I enclose the papers relating to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Yours sincerely

Antony Lerman
Company Secretary

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Director Dr S J Roth*

INSTITUTE OF JEWISH AFFAIRS LIMITED

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Jewish Affairs Ltd held at 11 Hertford Street, London W1 on 16 December 1985 at 5.30 pm

Present: Mr Ellis S Birk
Dr Elizabeth E Eppler by her proxy Dr S J Roth
Mr Gregorio Faigon by his proxy Dr S J Roth
Lord Goodman CH by his proxy Dr S Kaufman
Dr Solomon Kaufman
Mr Philip Klutznick by his proxy Dr S J Roth
Mr Itzhak Korn by his proxy Dr S J Roth
Mr Antony Lerman
Mr Akiva Lewinsky by his proxy Dr S J Roth
Mr Michael May
Dr Gerhart M Riegner by his proxy Dr S J Roth
Dr Stephen J Roth

- 1 Pursuant to Article 19 of the Articles of Association, those present chose Mr Ellis S Birk, being a member of the Board of Management, to preside at the Meeting.
- 2 The Notice concerning the Meeting was read.
- 3 The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 4 In pursuance of articles 40, 41 and 45 of the Articles of Association, it was resolved to re-elect to the Board of Management: Dr S Zalman Abramov, Mr Edgar M Bronfman, Mr Greville Janner QC MP, Dr Solomon Kaufman, Mr Antony Lerman, Mr Michael May, Dr Stephen J Roth, Dr Israel Singer and Mr Kalman Sultanik.
- 5 The President Lord Goodman CH was re-elected in the terms of Article 40 of the Articles of Association.
- 6 The Annual General Meeting received and approved the Report of the Board of Management of even date.
- 7 The Annual General Meeting received, approved and adopted the accounts of the Company for the period of twelve months from 1 January 1984 to 31 December 1984 and the Auditor's report thereon.
- 8 The Annual General Meeting expressed its appreciation and thanks to Dr S Kaufman, Honorary Consultant and Messrs Victor Mishcon and Co. for their work as Honorary Solicitors to the Company, and to Messrs Hacker Young, Honorary Auditors to the Company. It was resolved that Messrs Hacker Young be re-appointed as Honorary Auditors to the Company until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.
- 9 There being no other business, the Meeting terminated at 6 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Chairman



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5 January 1987

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE INSTITUTE OF JEWISH AFFAIRS LIMITED**

Registered Office: 11 Hertford Street, London W1

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Institute of Jewish Affairs Limited will be held at 11 Hertford Street, London W1 on 2 February 1987 at 4.00pm

A G E N D A

- 1 Notice of the Meeting.
- 2 Minutes of the previous meeting to be signed by the Chairman (circulated).
- 3 To fill part of the vacancies in the Board of Management by the retirement in the terms of Articles 40, 41 and 42 of the Articles of Association of the following members: Dr S Zalman Abramov, Mr Ellis S Birk, Lord Goodman CH, Mr Philip M Klutznick, Lord Lever PC, Rabbi Dr Joachim Prinz, Dr Gerhart Riegner and Mr Avraham Shenker by electing or re-electing: Dr S Zalman Abramov, Mr Ellis S Birk, Senator Michel Dreyfus-Schmidt, Mr Leon Dulzin, Dr Nessim D Gaon, Lord Goodman CH, Mrs Raya Jaglom, Mr Sol Kanee, Mr Philip M Klutznick, Lord Lever PC, Dr Gerhart M Riegner and Rabbi Alexander Schindler.
- 4 To re-elect the President, Lord Goodman CH, in the terms of Article 40 of the Articles of Association.
- 5 To receive the Report of the Board of Management of even date (circulated).
- 6 To receive and, if approved, adopt the accounts of the Institute for the year from 1 January 1985 to 31 December 1985, and the Auditor's report thereon (circulated).

*President Lord Goodman CH. Chairman, Research Board Lord Lever PC
Chairman, Finance and General Purposes Committee Mr Ellis Birk. Chairman, Policy Planning Group Sir Monty Finniston FRS
Chairman, Functions Committee Sir Sigmund Sternberg JP Chairman, Lecture Committee Professor Samuel E. Finer
Chairman, Organization Committee Mr William Frankel CBE Chairman, Publications Committee Lord Weidenfeld
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7 To express appreciation and thanks to Dr S Kaufman, Honorary Consultant, and Messrs Victor Mishcon and Co. for their work as Honorary Solicitors to the Company and to Messrs Hacker Young, Honorary Auditors to the Company, and to re-appoint Messrs Hacker Young as Honorary Auditors to the Company until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

8 Any other business.

Dated this 5th day of January 1987
By the Order of the Board



Mr Antony Lerman
Secretary

NOTE: In accordance with Clause 17 of the Articles of Association, a Member entitled to attend and vote at the above Meeting may appoint a Proxy to attend the Meeting and vote in his/her place. An instrument of proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office 48 hours before the time of the Meeting.

THE INSTITUTE OF JEWISH AFFAIRS LIMITED

(CHARITY NO 252626)

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 DECEMBER 1985



Hacker Young

Chartered Accountants
St. Alphage House 2 Fore Street
London EC2Y 5DH



AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE INSTITUTE OF JEWISH AFFAIRS LIMITED
(CHARITY NO 252626)

We have audited the accounts set out on pages 3 to
7 in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the accounts, which have been
prepared under the historical cost convention,
give a true and fair view of the state of the
company's affairs at 31 December 1985 and of its
profit for the year then ended, and comply with the
Companies Act 1985.

Hacker Young
Chartered Accountants

15 December 1986

Auditors

(CHARITY NO 252626)

(A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

REPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The members of the board submit their report together with the accounts for the year ended 31 December 1985.

RESULTS

The accounts for the twelve-month period from 1 January 1985 to 31 December 1985 show income of £457,090 and expenditure on research, administration and upkeep of £466,744, resulting in an excess of expenditure over income (£9,654) [1984 income over expenditure £16,896]. The whole expenditure of the year was for charitable purposes.

ACTIVITIES

The Company continued its activities designed to advance education in the field of human relationships, with particular reference to the history and social conditions of the Jewish people. In pursuance of these aims it engaged in several research projects, the publication of scholarly periodicals and reports, and the organization of scholarly lectures, seminars and symposia.

FIXED ASSETS

Acquisitions of fixed assets during the year are recorded in the notes to the accounts.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT Dr S Zalman Abramov, Mr Ellis S Birk, Mr Edgar M Bronfman, Lord Goodman CH, Rabbi Dr Arthur Hertzberg, Mr Greville Janner QC MP, Mr Mendel D Kaplan, Dr Solomon Kaufman, Mr Philip M Klutznick, Mr Antony Lerman, Lord Lever PC, Mr Akiva Lewinsky, Mr Michael May, Rabbi Dr Joachim Prinz, Dr Gerhart M Riegner, Dr Stephen J Roth, Mr Avraham Shenker, Dr Israel Singer, Mr Kalman Sultanik.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Dr S Zalman Abramov, Mr Ellis S. Birk, Lord Goodman CH, Mr Philip M Klutznick, Lord Lever PC, Rabbi Dr Joachim Prinz, Dr Gerhart M. Riegner and Mr Avraham Shenker retire from the Board and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

In accordance with the Articles of Association the Board resolve to elect or re-elect as the case may be: Dr S Zalman Abramov, Mr Ellis S Birk, Mr Edgar M Bronfman, Senator Michael Dreyfus-Schmidt, Mr Leon Dulzin, Dr Nessim D Gaon, Lord Goodman CH, Rabbi Professor Arthur Hertzberg, Mrs Raya Jaglom, Mr Sol Kanee, Mr Mendel I Kaplan, Dr Solomon Kaufman, Mr Philip M Klutznick, Mr Antony Lerman, Lord Lever PC, Mr Akiva Lewinsky, Mr Michael May, Dr Gerhart M. Riegner, Dr Stephen J Roth, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Dr Israel Singer, Mr Kalman Sultanik.

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REPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

(CONTINUED)

AUDITORS

Messrs Hacker Young have agreed to continue in office as auditors to the company. A resolution will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting re-appointing them as auditors until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

Registered office:

11 Hertford Street
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15 December 1986

By order of the Board

Mr A Lerman

Secretary

THE INSTITUTE OF JEWISH AFFAIRS LIMITED

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(CHARITY NO 252626)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1985

	<u>Notes</u>		<u>1984</u>
TURNOVER	2	£ 457,090	£ 438,797
Administrative expenses		466,744	421,901
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OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	3	(9,654)	16,896
RETAINED BALANCE at 1 January 1985		(9,205)	(26,101)
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BALANCE at 31 December 1985		£ (18,859) =====	£ (9,205) =====

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these accounts.

THE INSTITUTE OF JEWISH AFFAIRS LIMITED

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(CHARITY NO 252626)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1985

	<u>Notes</u>		<u>1984</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	£ 16,082	£ 20,035
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments		£ -	£ 5
Debtors	6	42,912	19,324
Cash at bank and in hand		49,596	63,449
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		92,508	82,778
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	34,698	39,125
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		57,810	43,653
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<hr/>	<hr/>
		£ 73,892	£ 63,688
		=====	=====
RESERVES			
Other reserves	8	£ 92,751	£ 72,893
Income and expenditure account		(18,859)	(9,205)
DR S J ROTH - Director and Member of the Board			
MR E S BIRK - Member of the Board			
Approved by the board: 15 December 1986			
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		£ 73,892	£ 63,688
		=====	=====

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these accounts.

(CHARITY NO 252626)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1985

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Turnover

Turnover represents miscellaneous income from grants and donations received.

(c) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rate in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 25% on W.D.V.

2. TURNOVER

The turnover is wholly received in the UK as given below:

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Grants and donations for current activities	£ 457,090	£ 438,797
	=====	=====

3. OPERATING LOSS

The operating loss (1984 - profit) is stated after charging:

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	£ 5,361	£ 6,678
Staff costs (Note 4)	214,101	195,663
Auditors' remuneration	865	763
	=====	=====

4. STAFF COSTS

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Wages and salaries	£ 195,438	£ 179,036
Social security costs	18,663	16,627
	£ 214,101	£ 195,663
	=====	=====

The average weekly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Office and management	22	20
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1985

(CONTINUED)

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 1985	£ 47,174
Additions	1,408
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At 31 December 1985	£ 48,582
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Depreciation	
At 1 January 1985	£ 27,139
Charge for year	5,361
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At 31 December 1985	£ 32,500
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Written down values	
At 31 December 1985	£ 16,082
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At 31 December 1984	£ 20,035
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6. DEBTORS

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Trade debtors	£ 10,670	£ 12,102
Other debtors	31,536	6,263
Advances	706	959
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	£ 42,912	£ 19,324
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7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Trade creditors	£ 13,723	£ 12,016
Other creditors	9,158	11,356
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	22,881	23,372
Bank overdrafts (see note 9)	11,817	15,753
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	£ 34,698	£ 39,125
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1985

(CONTINUED)

8. OTHER RESERVES

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Programme for special projects	£ 72,893	£ 80,154
Special project transfers	23,858	-
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	96,751	80,154
Less: Expended on special projects	4,000	7,261
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	£ 92,751	£ 72,893
	=====	=====

The reserve for special projects relates to research projects outside the normal budget and agreed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The long term nature of these projects results in the fact that expenditure can be incurred over a period of three to four year after the date of authorisation of the project. Currently in 1986, to the date of approval of the Accounts, in excess of £16,000 has been expended on special projects. The long term commitment at the same date is in excess of £100,000.

9. BANK OVERDRAFTS

The aggregate amount of bank overdrafts was as follows:

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Falling due within one year	£ 11,817	£ 15,753
	=====	=====

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[Signature]

December 23, 1986
21 Kislev 5747

Mr. Zvi Almog, Chairman
Executive Committee
American Association for
the Shazar Center
515 Park Avenue, Room 401
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Almog:

Many thanks for the up-date on plans for the Shazar Center. My own organization, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, honored Abba Eban at our 1985 Biennial Assembly for his manifold contributions to Israel and the Jewish people, taking special note of his book and the TV series on Heritage: Civilization and the Jews. Thus, I heartily endorse his selection as the first recipient of the International Shazar Prize.

It also pleases me to note that tribute will be paid to Professor Salo Baron and Elie Wiesel. Both are truly worthy of special praise for their contributions and achievements. They have served our people with great distinction in many, many ways.

The dinner date, April 7, 1987, is marked on my schedule but I must note I may have a conflict. I may have to be involved in meetings of the United Israel Appeal, including a dinner meeting, but if at all possible I will try to attend the Shazar Tribute Dinner. I'll be in a better position to determine my plans as the date draws closer.

Thank you for the copy of The Holocaust and Its Significance. I am pleased to have this publication in my personal library.

With every good wish for a bright and festive Hanukkah and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Dinner

Following Trustees
meeting - will
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The Zalman Shazar Center
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מרכז זלמן שזר
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November 12, 1986

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

On behalf of our President, Professor Elie Wiesel, I am privileged to welcome you as a founding member of the National Council. We know that your presence will enhance the important work of the Shazar Center in bringing to the general public the results of rigorous historical scholarship.

In recognition of the outstanding contribution made by Abba Eban in his book, Heritage: Civilization and the Jews, the Board of Directors has decided to award him the International Shazar Prize. The award ceremony will take place at the Shazar Tribute Dinner to be held on April 7, 1987 at the Pierre Hotel in New York.

At this occasion we will pay homage to our Honorary Chairman, Professor Salo W. Baron, for his lifetime achievements as this century's doyen of historical research. The Historical Society of Israel has decided to dedicate the next issue of "Zion" in his honor.

I know you all join me and the Board of Directors in expressing our heartfelt congratulations to our President, Elie Wiesel, "Witness against forgetfulness", for being awarded the prestigious Nobel Prize for Peace. We are looking forward to celebrating with him at the Shazar Tribute Dinner.

Meanwhile, please accept with our compliments a copy of The Holocaust and Its Significance by Yisrael Gutman and Chaim Schatzker. The first of the Shazar publications to be translated and made available in English, it is, hopefully, the vanguard of many to follow.

Cordially,

Zvi Almog, Chairman
Executive Committee

ZA/ml
Enclosure

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

126 West 119th Street • Suite 101 • New York, N.Y. 10026 • 212/866-8600



November 6, 1986

Rabbi Alex Schindler
Union of American
Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Frank Chapman

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

We urge you to join with hundreds of other trade union, church, civil rights, and community leaders and elected officials across the nation and sign the enclosed appeal to Governor George Wallace to save the life of Johnny Imani Harris.

Harris is a young Black man who is facing the electric chair in Alabama, though he is innocent of any crime. His case is the rawest example of the fate of Black and other people of color, and of working people before our criminal justice system. (See enclosed brochure.)

The NAARPR has targeted the Harris case for emergency action. By staying the hand of Alabama's executioners in this case, we believe we can better struggle for justice for many others.

The Holiday Appeal to Governor Wallace will be taken to him in Mid-December by a delegation of Alabama people's leaders and officials. Please send your signature today.

In unity & struggle,

Frank Chapman
Executive Director

FC/bt

Unity + Struggle + Organization = Victories

A Holiday Appeal to Gov. George Wallace

IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE & HUMANITY FREE JOHNNY IMANI HARRIS

We the undersigned, from Alabama and across the nation, urge you to use these last days of your term to end the ordeal of Johnny Imani Harris and set him free.

Mr. Harris, a young Black man, has been in prison in Alabama for 16 years. He has lived the last 12 years on death row and has come within days of being executed.

In 1970 Mr. Harris and his family moved into a previously all-white neighborhood in Birmingham. They were confronted with a campaign of racist harassment and violence, which ended only when Harris was arrested and the family forced to move. Harris was charged with a series of petty robberies and that most inflammatory racist charge—the rape of a white woman. He maintains he is innocent, but he has never had an opportunity to prove it. His court appointed attorneys prepared no defense and “plea bargained” him into five life sentences.

In prison he encountered conditions so inhuman that the courts later ruled they violated constitutional prohibitions against cruel and unusual punishment. When prisoners rebelled and a prisoner and a guard were killed, Mr. Harris was charged with murder. The state never proved he killed the guard. But the politically and racially charged atmosphere, an obscure slave-era law, and an all-white, all-male jury sent Mr. Harris to Alabama's death row.

And Mr. Harris' case is not an isolated one. In Alabama Black people are 24% of the population, but make up 70% of the prisoners on death row. Nationally of 1765 people on death row, 42% are Black, while Black people are only 12% of the population. Not one of those 1765 is rich.

Mr. Harris has been the victim, not the criminal. In the spirit of this holiday season and the love of justice shown by so many in your state, bring an end to this injustice: commute Johnny Imani Harris' sentences.

Signed,

Yes, include my name on the Holiday Appeal to Gov. George Wallace.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ Signature: _____

☐ Check if organization is for identification only.

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We take pride in what has been accomplished, but we also recognize the challenge before us. We urge you to add your strength to ours and join the NAARPR. Freedom is a constant struggle.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ Enclosed is my NAARPR membership fee;

- | | |
|---|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual = | \$ 7/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining = | \$25/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing = | \$50/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting = | \$100/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life-Time = | \$500/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prisoner = | Fee Waived |

☐ Enclosed is Affiliate Membership fee for the organization listed below, in the amount of \$50/year.

Individual _____
Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone () _____

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JOHNNY IMANI HARRIS



Alabama Must Not Take His Life

JOHNNY IMANI HARRIS: Alabama Must Not Take His Life

Johnny Imani Harris is a 34-year-old Black man sentenced to die in Alabama's electric chair even though he is innocent of any crime. In 1974, while serving 5 consecutive life terms in Alabama's Atmore Prison for crimes he did not commit, Harris was charged, convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of a prison guard—a crime an eyewitness saw another prisoner commit.

Birmingham Frame-Up

The racist use of the death penalty against Harris continues the racist attack which began when he and his family moved into a previously all-white neighborhood in Birmingham, Alabama. There was a neighborhood petition campaign demanding the family move, acid thrown on their car, a cross burned on their lawn, and much more.

Five months after moving into his new home, on August 11, 1970, in this atmosphere of racist violence and terror, 19-year-old Johnny Imani Harris was arrested without a warrant while on his way to work. He was placed in a line-up where his photograph was handed around to insure that he would be the man identified. The next day Harris was charged with four robberies in the amounts of \$11, \$67, \$90 and \$205, and with the alleged rape of a white woman. Each of these charges in 1970 carried a maximum penalty of death.

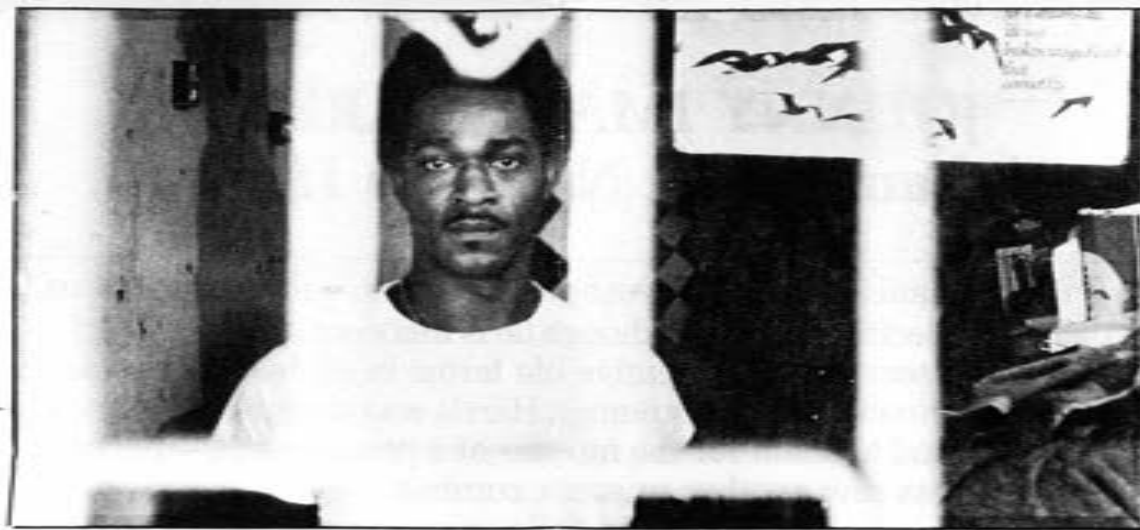
There followed a travesty of the rights to counsel and due process. One of Harris' court-appointed lawyers never visited him before the trial. No pre-trial motions challenging Harris' warrantless arrest or the warrantless search of his home were filed. None of Harris' attorneys examined the

medical report on the alleged rape victim, which stated there was no evidence of rape. None of the five people providing Harris with an unimpeachable alibi for the time of the alleged rape was called as a witness.

A few minutes before the trial began, Harris' attorneys both counseled him to plead guilty. One had not subpoenaed any defense witnesses and was totally unprepared to defend his client. The other felt the court would take the white woman's word over Harris' regarding the rape and that Harris might get the death sentence if he didn't plead guilty. And this attorney "didn't intend to buck the system." Faced with this situation, fearing for his life, Harris pleaded guilty. He received five consecutive life sentences and was sent to Atmore Prison to serve out his time.

Cruel and Unusual Punishment

The horrors which awaited him were indescribable. Little had changed since the days when the Scottsboro defendants were imprisoned there. Federal Judge Frank M. Johnson later found Atmore Prison to be unfit for human habitation and in violation of Constitutional protections against cruel and unusual punishment.



Harris, along with other prisoners, joined Inmates for Action (IFA) to try to improve conditions. Prison officials answered their protests with beatings and brutality.

In January, 1974, 64 prisoners who had protested—including Harris—were confined in a "hole" built for 32. There were no toilets or beds. Guards lied to the prisoners, saying they had just beaten an IFA member to death. Believing they would be next, the prisoners seized two guards as hostages and made one demand—that members of the press, legislature, and clergy be brought to Atmore to see conditions.

Warden Marion B. Harding ordered the guards to attack the prisoners and break up the protest. A guard, Officer Barrow, and a prison leader, George Dobbins, were killed. According to eyewitnesses, the Warden repeatedly stabbed Dobbins in the face after having him shot by a guard.

Sentenced to Death

Harris was brought to trial by a politically ambitious Alabama Attorney General, Bill Baxley, using an 1859 slaveholder law carrying a mandatory death sentence. No evidence was presented that Harris had

killed the guard. Baxley maintained Harris was guilty of murder if he had been part of the protest. During the trial Baxley stated that the warden "should have set up a machine gun, given the prisoners two minutes to come out, and then cut them all down."

The jury was all white and all male. Harris was convicted and sentenced to death.

New Trial Won

In 1978 Jesse David Jett, a white former prisoner at Atmore, came forward with eyewitness testimony that Harris had not killed the guard. He had not said anything before due to threats by the prison guards. Harris' attorney won a new trial in 1983, but Jett suddenly refused to testify. Once again an all-white jury convicted Harris and sentenced him to death.

The Case Today

The conviction is now being appealed to the Alabama appellate court. Harris' current attorneys raise a number of issues, including the highly prejudicial statements made by the state's prosecutor, the racially discriminatory composition of the indict-

ing Grand Jury, and the lack of evidence linking Harris to the crime. Despite sworn statements, Warden Harding was never brought to trial for Dobbins' murder.

The racist and class bias in both the imposition and execution of the death sentence has been further bolstered by the Reagan Supreme Court decision to reject appeals without considering the issues raised and thereby speed up the rate of executions.

Of the 1513 death row prisoners nationally, nearly half are people of color. Almost 42% are Black, though Black people make up only 12% of the U.S. population. In Alabama the picture is even worse: of the 74 people on death row, 50 are Black.

The National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression has given the Harris case emergency status and is working to organize a national movement that can save his life.

What You Can Do:

- Write Gov. George Wallace (Capitol Building, Montgomery AL 36130) to protest the continued persecution of Harris. Demand he stop the execution and exonerate Harris.
- Circulate the NAARPR petition on the Harris case. Contact us for copies.
- Get your union, church and community organizations to pass resolutions directed to Wallace supporting the above demands. Send copies to the NAARPR national office.
- Write Johnny Imani Harris (Rt. 2, Box 37, Holman Station AL 36503) to express your solidarity.
- Send a generous contribution to the NAARPR to aid the campaign to save Harris' life.

JOIN THE NAARPR

We Can Fight Back and Win

Since it was founded in 1973, the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression has worked to defend our fundamental democratic right to organize and struggle, and to end the racism of the police, courts, jails, and prisons.



Vigil to Stop Harris Execution at Alabama capitol (12/84) organized by Birmingham Branch NAARPR

Our program includes fighting back against attacks on the people's movement; outlawing the KKK, Nazis, and other hate groups; stopping racist violence; ending police crimes; enforcing the Voting Rights Act; defending labor rights; protecting undocumented workers; abolishing the death penalty; ending inhuman prison conditions; and defeating repressive legislation.

Unity is Our Weapon

The NAARPR is a coalition of organizations and individuals that unites the broad cross-section of our people who share our goals—Black, white, Puerto Rican, Chicano, Latino, Native American and Asian-Pacific; elected officials, trade unionists, community activists, church leaders, political organizers, cultural workers, youth and students, women and men, young and old. We have 37 branches in 28 states and over 70 affiliate organizations across the country.

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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Because of a scheduling conflict, the prayer section of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' program for September 20, 1987 has been cancelled. I truly appreciate your willingness to participate but the loss will surely be those who would have attended.

I trust you are recovering and are in fine form.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert L. Israeloff

Robert L. Israeloff

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Dear Mr. Israeloff:

Many thanks for your very gracious invitation to participate in the Centennial Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. I've checked my schedule for September 20, 1987 and I am delighted that it will be possible for me to be with you for this special anniversary program. It's but a few days before the eve of Rosh Hashonah so I undoubtedly won't have any conflict with congregational events within the UAHC.

I've noted that the program will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2:00 p.m. When we get closer to the date we can finalize details. I look forward to sharing in this special celebration with you and your fellow CPA's.

We will undoubtedly see each other at one or another Jewish meetings long before September 1987 and I'm certain we'll have a chance to chat. Until then, my thanks and warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

We have met each other at a number of "Jewish world" functions over the last few years but I am now writing to you in another role, namely that of income-producing Certified Public Accountant.

I am a member of the National Centennial Annual Meeting Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants which is organizing the accounting profession's 100th Anniversary Celebration to be held in New York in 1987. On Sunday afternoon, September 20, 1987, a non-denominational prayer service will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2:00 P. M. We believe that Cardinal O'Connor will represent the Catholics and that a prominent Protestant clergyman will also participate in the program.

I was asked by the Committee to arrange for a prominent Jewish rabbi to participate in the program and I thought you would be the appropriate Jewish participant.

Can you plan this far ahead and be part of the accounting profession's Centennial Celebration?

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Israeloff
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THE ISRAEL-DIASPORA INSTITUTE

September 4, 1986
Av 30, 5746

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

I am happy to be able to report to you at last that the book including Cal Goldscheider's essay and your comment on it (as well as eleven others) is scheduled for publication the last week of October or the first week of November, 1986, be'sha'ah tova!

The full title is The American Jewish Community: Social Science Research and Policy Implications, and it is being issued as Number 2 in the "Brown Studies on Jews and their Societies" of the Program in Judaic Studies at Brown University, in co-operation with the Israel-Diaspora Institute. Scholar's Press of Atlanta Georgia is publishing the book on our behalf.

I made sure to add all the names and addresses I received from the contributors to our distribution list for complimentary copies. If you have any late additions, please send them immediately to Cal Goldscheider at Brown, with a copy to me (so that I can weed out duplications). A copy of the book will, of course, be sent directly to you. We have taken steps to distribute the book widely, to individuals, institutions and publications, and hope it will stir up the sort of creative policy discussion in the community that we intended.

Let me thank you again for your contribution to this endeavour in joint policy thinking about the American Jewish future. It was a pleasure working with you on this project.

I conclude with warm wishes to you and your family for a shana tova. Be well.

Shalom,

Handwritten signature: Shelly Schreter
Shelly Schreter,
Director General.

P.S. I hope this finds you feeling well, after your recent illness. The best of health to you in the future.

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September 10, 1986
6 Elul 5746

Mr. Adam Doron
Beit Berl
Kefar Saba, Israel

Dear Mr. Doron:

It was gratifying to receive your gracious letter of invitation to participate in the creation of a volume on "The State of Israel and Eretz Israel" to be published by Beit Berl.

Unfortunately my schedule is already over committed for the next months. It is simply not possible for me to undertake any new assignments, especially one which requires a great deal of time to produce an article worthy for a publication such as you have described. I am watching my schedule very carefully since my illness of this past Spring and I do hope you understand my predicament.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you well in this important project.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Beit- Berl, Israel

August 12th, 1986

Rabbi Alexander Shindler
Union , N.Y.
U.S.A

Dear Rabbi Shindler,

I am writing to ask you to participate in a publication by
Beit Berl in a book on the subject - The State of Israel and Eretz Israel-
- מדינת ישראל וארץ ישראל -

There will be about twenty writers and leaders participating on different
sub subjects. The subject I would suggest you to write about is: -
The Future Boundaries of the State of Israel According to Jewish Tradition,
Hallacha and Current Political Middle East & World Situation.
This chapter of yours , as others, should be about seven thousand words.

I hope to hear from you soon and get your acceptance. I find it of
great importance that you, as a leader of an important part of the world
and American Jewery will be known here by a greater number of Israelis,
and not just on the subject of -Who is a Jew- so that you may influence
more efficiently on this particular matter, which I happen to agree with you.

Anyway, to get back to your participation, if you would like to make
a change in the title of your suggested chapter, I leave it up to you,
but, please let me know about it.

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מרכז לחנוך השכלה ומחקר

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By the way , I am writing to you following a conversation with Rabbi Moshe Zemer-Tel Aviv, who is a friend of mine, and I'm sure he would be happy as I would to know about your participating.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Please forgive all my mistakes.

Sincerely yours,

Adam Doron

Adam Doron

Beit Berl

Kefar Saba, Israel

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July 31, 1986
24 Tammuz 5746

Dr. Benjamin Hirsch
Executive Director
David Ben-Gurion Centennial Committee
823 United Nations Plaza
Suite 318
New York, N.Y. 10017-3510

Dear Dr. Hirsch:

I have your letter of July 23rd in regard to a special Shabbat in remembrance of David Ben-Gurion.

Since Shabbat services are fall within the domain of the rabbis, I am sending your request to the Central Conference of American Rabbis with a recommendation that they urge their members to observe December 5-6, 1986 as a Shabbat of remembrance of David Ben-Gurion.

With kindest greetings and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: CCAR

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July 23, 1986

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Last year, the Knesset, in a gratifying display of unity, proclaimed the David Ben-Gurion Centennial, to be celebrated from October 19, 1986, until May 4, 1987, Israel's Independence Day, and requested that national committees be established. The Centennial honors the man who, more than any other, was responsible for the establishment of the State of Israel. In the United States, the Committee is chaired by Jack J. Spitzer, Honorary Chairman of B'nai B'rith International.

The Committee functions as an independent body funded by sixty sponsors and serves to facilitate and enable the Centennial Celebrations of all Jewish organizations. The Centennial is also establishing programs suited for adaptation for all segments of the Jewish population in the United States. It would be most appropriate if the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, as a leading body of religious expression, would join in the celebration.

May we suggest that an appropriate time for such a remembrance would be the Shabbat of December 5 and 6, as that is the Shabbat closest to David Ben-Gurion's Yahrzeit. Various Boards of Rabbis have requested that their constituent Rabbis devote that Sabbath to the memory of David Ben-Gurion.

I trust that our request will meet with a positive reply.

Yours very truly,


Benjamin Hirsch, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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July 29, 1986
22 Tammuz 5746

Mr. Robert C. Campbell, Chairman
Religion In American Life
815 Second Avenue
Suite 200
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Thank you so much for your most gracious letter of thanks to the UAHC for our participation in the work of Religion in American Life. I appreciate your kind comments.

May I please request that your records be changed to indicate that my proper first name.. It is Alexander not Arthur as appears on your letter of July 22nd. Your prompt attention to this request will be much appreciated.

With repeated thanks and warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



815 Second Avenue • Suite 200 • New York, New York 10017 • Tel. 212-697-5033

July 22, 1986

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing to convey to you the resolution of thanks voted by our Board of Directors at the annual meeting June 12, 1986. The Board wishes to thank you and through you The Union of American Hebrew Congregations for being a participating group of Religion In American Life. The Board and I deeply appreciate your support and invite its continuation through the current program year.

My personal best wishes.

Sincerely,

RC Campbell

Robert C. Campbell
Chairman

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2. A modern Bible commentary in Hebrew is being produced in Israel. The project has a board of directors which draws from leaders of all movements, and Alex is being asked to join the board. Others who have already agreed are Gerson Cohen, Wolfe Kelman, Nathan Rotenstreich, and Alexander Altmann.

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July 15, 1986
8 Tammuz 5746

Dr. Avraham Shapira
Editorial Board
Mikra LeYisrael
Kibbutz Yizreel 19350
Israel

Dear Dr. Shapira:

My recovery from my recent heart attack has been exceedingly good and I am delighted to be back at my desk.

Your letter of invitation to join the Board of Directors of Mikra LeYisrael awaited me along with the handsome brochure describing this exciting project. I am honored to join the impressive company of Jewish leaders who will serve on the Board and I thank you for asking me to be a part of this wonderful venture.

With all good wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

June 11, 1986
4 Sivan 5746

Dr. Avraham Shapira
Editorial Board
Mikra LeYisrael
Kibbutz Yizreel - 19350
Israel

Dear Dr. Shapira:

As you undoubtedly know, Rabbi Schindler has been hospitalized in Israel these past few weeks. We are delighted that he is able to return home early next week.

While at this point I do not know just when Rabbi Schindler will return to his desk, I will hold your letter of May 20 until such time as I am able to discuss with him your invitation to join the Board of Directors for the modern Commentary in Hebrew being prepared in Israel. We will, of course, be in touch with you at the earliest time.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President



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שלוש רב כר נכבדי,

ברצוננו להציג בפניך מפעלנו "מקרא לישראל". מהפרוספקט המצ"ב ניתן להתוודע לתבנית הפירוש ולמגמותיו, וכן - להכיר חלק מרשימת חוקרי המקרא שיפרשו ספרים במסגרת המפעל.

דומה שאין אח ורע ל"מקרא לישראל" בתרבות היהודית בזמננו, מהבחינות הבאות:
א. מתלכדים כאן הישגי מדע המקרא המודרני כתחומיו עם מורשת הפרשנות היהודית-הסטורית לדורותיה (מתקופת חז"ל ואילך).

ב. זהו מפעל עברי-ישראלי הנושא אופי כלל-יהודי, שמתעצב על-ידי השתתפותם בו של חשובי אישי המקרא בעמנו בכל אתר, כמו גם באמצעות שיתוף-פעולה הדוק עם מפעל הפירוש של JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

בחבר הנאמנים של המפעל חברים אישי רוח וגדולי חכמת ישראל מכל החוגים והזרמים ביהדות זמננו, ואנחנו מזמינים אותך להצטרף אליהם. בין האישים שכבר הצטרפו לחבר הנאמנים: פרופ' בנימין מזר, פרופ' נתן רוטנשטריך, הרב פרופ' אלכסנדר אדלמן, הרב פרופ' גרשון דוד כהן, הרב וולף קלמן, ד"ר דוד פטרסון; יש בכר ביטוי להכרה במשמעותו התרבותית-הסטורית של המפעל.

נתכבד בהצטרפותך, בהצטרפותך לחבר-הנאמנים של "מקרא לישראל".
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July 7, 1986
30 Sivan 5746

Neil W. Levin, Acting Director
Sabin Music Center of the Jewish
Theological Seminary of America
3080 Broadway
New York, NY 10027

Dear Mr. Levin:

It was good to learn of the plans to create a Herman Berlinski
Archive as part of the Sabin Music Center's Music Library.
This is a splendid manner in which to honor Dr. Berlinski on his
75th Birthday.

It will be my pleasure to add my name to this project.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA
3080 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10027
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25 June, 1986

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Our esteemed colleague and friend, Dr. Herman Berlinski, is currently celebrating his 75th birthday. In recognition of this milestone in the career of one of America's most distinguished composers, organists and exponents of Jewish music, the Jewish Theological Seminary wishes to establish a HERMAN BERLINSKI ARCHIVE in its new Music Library at the Sabin Music Center.

This Archive will contain Dr. Berlinski's complete works, recordings, articles and other writings, and extensive Jewish collections. It will make his works permanently and readily accessible to students, performers and scholars; and, ensure their widest possible utilization. We will also publish a complete annotated catalogue, and we are privileged to have Dr. Berlinski's personal collaboration and assistance.

Establishment of this Archive will require funds for copying, binding, transferral, cataloguing, maintenance and publication. These will be raised by voluntary contributions from Dr. Berlinski's many friends, colleagues and admirers throughout his long and still active career. To this end, a HERMAN BERLINSKI ARCHIVE COMMITTEE is being formed from among a select group of friends and professional associates. Their names will be listed on all correspondence and solicitations from the Music Library for this project.

I am writing at this time to invite your participation on this Committee by lending your name and support to the project. We wish to stress that there is no financial obligation whatever to Committee members -- only endorsement of, and help with, this worthy endeavor to honour and perpetuate Dr. Berlinski's work. We also emphasize that all funds raised will be maintained separately and used exclusively for the Berlinski Archive.

We sincerely hope that you will agree to be included on this Committee, and that we may turn to you for suggestions and advice. Since we expect to implement this project during the summer, we would greatly appreciate knowing your response at your earliest convenience.

Looking forward to a successful project together, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Neil W. Levin
Neil W. Levin

Acting Director, Sabin Music Center

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July 11, 1986
4 Tammuz 5746

Mr. Marden D. Paru
Regional Director
American Society for Techbion
271 Madison Avenue
Suite 1802
New York, N.Y. 10157-0344

Dear Mr. Paru:

Your letter of July 9th requesting a listing of UAHC congregational Presidents has come to my attention. I regret that it is not possible to respond to your request.

Our Board of Trustees has instructed our staff not to share our mailing lists. We simply cannot provide the information you requested. I do hope you can understand our situation.

I do not know the policy of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in regard to their mailing lists. You might contact them directly to determine if it is possible to receive a list of the Rabbis in the geographical areas of interest. The CCAR is located at 21 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN REGION

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TECHNION - ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
271 Madison Avenue, Suite 1802, New York, NY 10157-0344 (212)889-2050 Cable: TECHNION, NEW YORK

July 9, 1986

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

Gentlemen:

The New York Metropolitan Region of the American Society for Technion--covering New York State, Connecticut and the northern half of New Jersey---would like to request a congregational/presidents list covering the same area. We would like to inform congregations of the availability of speakers for programming. Men's clubs/Brotherhoods, Sisterhoods, and adult education committees might want to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Technion/Israel Institute of Technology which is located high up on the slopes of Mt. Carmel in Haifa, is the premier technological university in Israel. Its advanced work in biomedicine, aeronautics and electronics, as well as biblical analyses utilizing computers provides sabbatical professors and other experts much interesting material to discuss before Jewish audiences. We would like to make this information known to congregations in the Tri-state area affiliated with your umbrella organization.

I look forward to receiving your list. I would hope that in addition to the names of the Presidents you might provide the names of the Rabbis. I am confident that these officials would transmit our letter to the appropriate other leaders in their congregation that might want to consider this offer.

Many thanks for your accommodation to this request.

Sincerely,

Marden D. Paru

Marden D. Paru
Regional Director

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July 3, 1986
26 Sivan 5746

Dr. Benjamin Hirsch, Executive Director
David Ben-Gurion Centennial Committee
823 United Nations Plaza - Suite 318
New York, New York 10017-3510

Dear Dr. Hirsch:

Rabbi Schindler has not yet returned to his desk following his recent illness. However, I do talk with him daily and I have discussed your letter of June 26 in regard to a very special mission to Israel to be sponsored by the Centennial Committee.

While the UAHC has some conflicting meetings during the time of the planned mission, there is no reason to seek a change in date. Enough organizations are involved to assure a good participation in this mission.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

David Ben-Gurion Centennial Committee
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June 26, 1986

Dear Friends:

We are considering a mission to Israel, "In the Footsteps of Ben-Gurion," which will coincide with the opening of the Centennial Celebration on October 20 through October 30, 1986.

Two major events will highlight this trip:

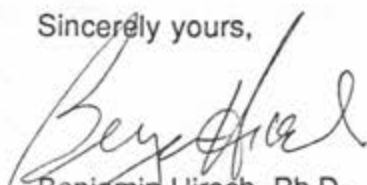
The worldwide Centennial Celebration will be launched by the President and Prime Minister of Israel at the Jerusalem Theater. We will conclude our trip by participating in an international symposium at Sde Boker entitled "The Suez Crisis: A Retrospective (1956-1986)."

Both of these events, as you can imagine, will be exciting and intellectually stimulating. In addition, we will visit the areas in Israel that were so important in Ben-Gurion's life. Our mission will have a tour guide specifically expert in the life and work of David Ben-Gurion.

Would you be kind enough to call us or drop us a line before July 10th so that we may move ahead on planning the trip?

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin Hirsch, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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June 18, 1986
11 Sivan 5746

Mr. Mark Rosenblum
Peace Now
27 W. 20th Street
9th Floor
New York, N.Y. 10011

Dear Mr. Rosenblum:

Your letter of June 11 reached our office during the absence of Rabbi Schindler. You may have heard that he suffered a heart attack while visiting Israel with a UAHC Board Mission. After a few weeks of hospitalization in Israel, Rabbi Schindler was discharged and, happily, returned to his home this past Monday. He is doing very well but he will be taking some time during the coming weeks to recuperate and fully regain his health and strength.

Rabbi Schindler is loath to lend his name to a specific cause, no matter how worthy, when he is unable to give any time and/or effort to the work of the organization. While I know he is aware of the fine work being undertaken by Peace Now, I cannot provide permission to include his name on your Advisory Board. That is a decision which must await his return to his desk. At the moment, I am unable to tell you just when that will be. But, I will certainly bring your request to his attention at that time.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

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PEACE NOW

ISRAEL
P.O. Box 108, Jerusalem

NORTH AMERICAN
REPRESENTATIVE
Mark Rosenblum

11 June 1986

27 W. 20th Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10011
(212) 645-6262

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

North American Friends of Peace Now is attempting to form an Advisory Board at this difficult but important juncture. As you know, the peace process on both the Egyptian and Palestinian fronts has stalled. Cynics abound, asserting that the latest breakdown in negotiations demonstrates that peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors is an illusion.

Extremist nationalist and messianic forces within both the Arab world and Israel welcome these voices of cynicism in their own struggle to undermine any peace process. Caught in the crossfire between cynics and rejectionists, Peace Now is trying to (1) encourage and support Prime Minister Peres' peace initiative and (2) educate Israelis, particularly youth, about the devastating internal costs of Israel's occupation of the West Bank and the erosion of the peace treaty with Egypt.

In particular, Peace Now has become a central educating and organizing force defending Israeli democracy. On February 12, Peace Now led thousands of Israelis in support of democracy in response to Kahane's first party convention. On February 19, at the request of the Ministry of Education, Peace Now organized a special educational program on "Democracy and Personal Commitment" for junior and senior high school students in Jerusalem. Peace Now has also been commissioned by the Tel Aviv and Beer Sheva school districts to develop ten learning modules on the themes of pluralism, democracy, Jewish-Arab relations, etc. 4,000 students are currently participating in these modules and 70 instructors have been trained and placed in the schools.

On April 14, Peace Now organized a conference in Hebron which brought together over 400 Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews to explore the possibilities for reconciliation and peace. Participation in this historic conference included eight Knesset members from six parties and scores of the most prominent political and intellectual figures. They condemned all violence and called for a peace settlement that would recognize the national rights of both peoples. This was the first public meeting ever held between Jews and Arabs in the West Bank.

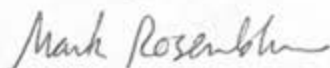
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Many of Israel's leading military and diplomatic figures are leading activists in the Peace Now movement. They include historian Saul Friedlander, novelist Amos Oz, Weizman Institute President Arie Dvoretzki, and Professor Yehoshafat Harkabi. Abba Eban and Teddy Koller have supported the work of Peace Now and both have written supporting letters nominating Peace Now for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The formation of a Friends of Peace Now Advisory Board will lend credibility and authority to our efforts at raising consciousness and funds. We would be honored if you would join us in spreading Peace Now's message of hope without delusion and providing support for Israel's quest for peace and democracy by becoming a member of the Advisory Board.

I have enclosed a copy of our Statement of Purpose and look forward to hearing your response. If you have any questions, I can be reached at the Peace Now office in New York (212/645-6262) or at my home (914/834-7928).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Rosenblum".

Mark Rosenblum

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Friends of Peace Now
Statement of Purpose

North American Friends of PEACE NOW (SHALOM ACHSHAV) was formed to support the policies and activities of the SHALOM ACHSHAV peace movement in Israel. SHALOM ACHSHAV believes that Israel's pursuit of peace must advance by means of diplomacy and negotiation and that reliance on military force only guarantees years of endless strife.

Since its founding in 1978 by 350 reserve soldiers and officers of the Israel Defense Forces, SHALOM ACHSHAV has grown into a nonpartisan grass-roots movement that draws its support from across Israel's political, religious, and social spectrum. SHALOM ACHSHAV has become Israel's largest and most influential force for a negotiated settlement between Israelis and Palestinians.

SHALOM ACHSHAV and its North American supporters believe that such a settlement can be reached based upon the following principles: 1) Both sides must accept territorial compromise as the only long-term guarantee of peace. 2) All peoples, including the Palestinians, must recognize Israel's right to a sovereign existence within secure and mutually acceptable borders. 3) Israel must recognize the right of the Palestinian people to a national existence to be realized in a manner agreeable to all concerned parties. 4) A peace agreement must assure Israel's security. 5) Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, must remain united, and Moslem and Christian religious interests must continue to be respected.

SHALOM ACHSHAV's demonstrations have drawn hundreds of thousands of Israelis in support of its quest for peace. It has led opposition to West Bank expropriations and settlements, and it was the most visible and effective protest movement against the Lebanese war. Through its Education for Peace Program, SHALOM ACHSHAV conducts forums on tolerance, democracy, and security. In high schools and community centers, SHALOM ACHSHAV has brought together thousands of Jewish and Arab youth, while also providing private and public settings for dialogue between prominent Israelis and Palestinians. The hundreds of thousands of Israelis who participate in SHALOM ACHSHAV activities serve as a democratic bulwark against the forces of racism and extremism. Thirty-eight Knesset members have signed SHALOM ACHSHAV petitions, and the movement counts among its supporters such prominent Israelis as Abba Eban, novelist Amos Oz, and historian Saul Friedlander.

North American Friends of PEACE NOW, functioning through more than seventeen local chapters, has three interrelated tasks. The first is to inform the American Jewish community about the issues and concerns facing the peace movement in Israel. The second task is to argue forcefully in local Jewish communities in support of the policies and programs of SHALOM ACHSHAV in Israel. Third, Friends of PEACE NOW raises funds to further the PEACE NOW educational activities in Israel, the United States, and Canada. Friends of PEACE NOW has conducted speaking tours by prominent Arab and Jewish Israelis and sympathetic Palestinians. It initiates public discussions and presents its views to numerous groups within the organized Jewish community while developing educational materials on issues of peace, democracy, and security in Israel. By supporting those in Israel who share our own democratic and Jewish values, Friends of PEACE NOW works to strengthen the commitment of North American Jews to Israel while helping to build the humanistic Jewish state that was the dream of the Zionist pioneers.

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March 14, 1986
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Mr. Gerald Strober
25 East End Avenue
New York, NY 10028

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for your gracious invitation to serve on the Advisory Board of Youth Towns of Israel. This is a very worthy organization and I know of its program.

I really do not like to say yes to invitations such as yours when I know it will not be possible for me to attend meetings or be of assistance. I am reluctant to do so and I hope you understand. However, if you merely want to have my name on the letterhead - if that will help - knowing that my hectic schedule will preclude my participation on the Board, you may certainly feel free to add my name to the roster.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

25 East End Avenue
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Deborah Hart
Gerald Strober

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

Dear Alex,

I am writing to you on behalf of Youth Towns of Israel, an organization that for more than three decades has provided educational opportunities and vocational training for Israel's disadvantaged youngsters, many of them orphans who came on Aliyah from backward nations and societies where their families faced severe persecution.

I am not asking for funds at this time. I am asking that you join a new Advisory Board we are forming to give Youth Towns for the first time in the United States, a major leadership connection. What I would ask is that as a member of the Advisory Board you agree within the next six months to visit one of the Youth Towns facilities in Israel.

Youth Towns conducts programs in aeronautical technology, agriculture and nursing and its graduates enjoy careers in the aircraft industry, the health care field, on kibbutzim and moshavim and in all areas of Israel's economic and social infrastructure. One of Youth Towns graduates, Moshe Katsav who came from Iran at age five, is today, as you know, Minister of Labor and Social Welfare.

Currently there are about eight hundred youngsters on the Youth Towns waiting list and the organization is attempting to add new dormitory and classroom space. While Youth Towns enjoys an excellent reputation in Israel for its delivery of services and operational expertise, the organization has never been able to enlist major support in the United States, either in terms of people who identify with Youth Towns important tasks or on the fund raising level.

You can play a role in helping Youth Towns develop its potential in the United States. I hope the advisory board would meet at least once a year to discuss ways in which the organization can intensify its informational and fund raising efforts.

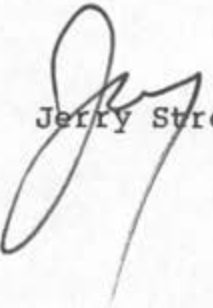
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Youth Towns was founded by leaders of the revisionist movement, including Menachem Begin. While many of the leaders of the organization are associated with the movement, Youth Towns facilities have always been open to all deserving youngsters and its programs have no political or ideological content. Youth Towns simply has the mission of bringing children from disadvantaged circumstances into the mainstream of Israeli society.

I hope you will join the Advisory Board and I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,



Jerry Strober

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February 24, 1986
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Mr. Yitzchak Korn, President
Mt. Stephen Grayek, Chairman
World Council for Yiddish
and Jewish Culture
9 Mendele Street
Tel-Aviv 63 431 Israel

Dear Friends:

In response to your recent letter I hasten to advise that I am agreeable to be of assistance in any way I can. However, I do hope you understand that my travel and meeting schedule is quite frenetic and I am not always available. Given the constraints on my time, I will, of course, try my utmost to be of help.

With warm regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

This is from
FITCHAK KORN
PRESIDENT
STEVEN GRAYER
CHAIRMAN
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Tell them I'm
agreeable to help
anyway I can.
I plan limitations
on my time - but
within those constraints
I'll try to help.

אדר א' תשמ"ו
תל-אביב, פברואר 1986

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הרב אלכסנדר מ. שינדלער
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זייער חשובער פריינד הרב אלכסנדר שינדלער,

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בעטן מיר אייך אונדז מיטצוטיילן אייער הסכמה וועגן אייער גרייטקייט
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George Klein

Ms. Klein

no further

December 24, 1985

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

Dear Alex:

Thank you for your promptness in taking care of the matter we discussed. I've asked our Executive Director to forward the information to the Leo Baeck Institute and we will follow through.

Again, my thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

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CC: Dr. David Blumenfeld

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Meyer wants
with you
suggestions

Called
12/19

977.9700



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

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December 23, 1985

Mr. George Klein
499 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear George:

I have just received the copy of Haskell Lookstein's "Were We Our Brother~~s~~ Keepers?" which you and Robert Morgenthau were kind enough to send in behalf of the New York City Holocaust Memorial Commission. I write to express heartfelt thanks for your thoughtfulness. I look forward to reading this book, which I understand has been highly praised.

I finally heard from the Leo Baeck Institute people (my contact, Gerald Meyer, was out of the country for sometime. He is a prominent international lawyer).

Be that as it may, the information I relayed to them was not entirely new since they had a call from the YIVO people, who wanted to know what the Leo Baeck Institute had in mind.

In a manner so typical of the Germanic breed (I say that with love since I am at least in part of that breed), they would like a letter spelling out the details of the project which you described to me. The letter is to be directed to Dr. Fred Grubel, Secretary, Leo Baeck Institute, 129 East 73rd Street, New York, NY 10021, with a copy to Gerald Meyer, Esq. Phillips, Nizer, Benjamin, Krim & Ballon, 40 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019.

Again, my thanks and my warm regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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Memo

From the desk of
RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

Myers will
call to give
you a name &
telephone #

When he does let
me know so that
I can relay info
to George Klein.

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TO *Ealeo* DATE *12:00* AM PM
 FROM *M. Mr. Meyer Sect.* AREA CODE *212* NUMBER *9777*
 OF EXTENSION *9700*

MESSAGE

10/17 - 4 Dec 1st left message

SIGNED

PHONED ☐ CALL BACK ☐ RETURNED CALL ☒ WANTS TO SEE YOU ☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ WAS IN ☐ URGENT ☐



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Memo

From the desk of
EDITH J. MILLER

LEO BAECK INSTITUTE

GERALD MEYER...

GEORGE KLEIN INVOLVED IN CREATION OF HOLOCAUST
MUSEUM/MEMORIAL NYC - BATTERY PARK -- MAJOR EFFORT--

HAS IDEA WHICH MIGHT MAKE FOR SPACE AND ENDOWMENT
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HAVE THIS BROUGHT TO LB BOARD BUT MUST BE BY SOMEONE
WHO UNDERSTANDS AND CAN PROJECT THE MEANING....GERRY
OR CAN HE RECOMMEND AND WILL PUT GEO KLEIN IN TOUCH...

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Mor Gruenwald*

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December 23, 1985

The Hon. Robert M. Morgenthau, Chairman
New York City Holocaust Memorial Commission
111 West 40th Street
New York, New York 10018

Dear Mr. Morgenthau:

I had occasion to be in touch with George Klein on another matter and expressed my gratitude to him for the copy of "Were We Our Brothers' Keepers?" It was thoughtful of the two of you to share this book with members of the Holocaust Memorial Commission and I write to extend my gratitude to you.

I have heard that this is a very fine volume and I look forward to some quiet time to peruse its pages.

With thanks and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

The enclosed book, "Were We Our Brothers' Keepers?" by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, has just been published, and has received high critical acclaim. It is a perceptive analysis of the American Jewish community's response to the Holocaust.

As a member of the Holocaust Memorial Commission, we thought you might find it interesting and enlightening.

With our very best wishes,

Sincerely,

George Klein

Robert M. Morgenthau

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December 23, 1985

Mr. Charles Bronfman
1430 Peel Street
Montreal, Quebec H3A 1S9
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Dear Charles:

The Golda Meir Foundation of Israel has undertaken a major program for Israeli high school youth on Democracy in Israel. I saw a film-strip describing the program and have heard reports concerning it from Israel. The program is quite effective and very much needed at the present stage of Israel's development.

The Reform Movement has determined to cooperate with the Israel Labor Party in this venture for its own sake and also because the idea of religious pluralism can well be inserted into this program and made a part of it.

Obviously, support is needed for this venture and I suggested to the Labor Party leadership that just conceivably you might be inclined to lend a hand. If you can, I will be grateful.

Uzi Baram, Secretary-General of the Labor Party, will be in Canada soon and he would like to see you to seek your help on this and a related venture. A David Freilich will call you in the next few weeks to make an appointment. Hopefully, you will make the time to give Mr. Baram at least a hearing.

With warm regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

December 23, 1985

Mr. Paul Zuckerman
Velvet O'Donnell Corp.
P.O.B. 2368
Livonia, MI 48151

Dear Paul:

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Obviously, support is needed for this venture and someone suggested that Sam Frankel of your community could conceivably be persuaded to support this venture. Here then is the reason for my letter; would you be willing to introduce the Labor Party leadership to Sam Frankel?

Uzi Baram, Secretary-General of the Labor Party, will be in American soon and would like to see Mr. Frankel to seek his help on this and a related venture. A David Freilich will call you in the next few weeks to see if an appointment can be made with Mr. Frankel. Hopefully, you will be willing to discuss this with him and prevail upon him to give Mr. Baram at least a hearing.

Hope you're feeling well again. Rhea joins me in sending warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

December 23, 1985

Mr. Jack D. Weiler
1114 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

Dear Jack:

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With warmest regards, in which Rhea joins, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

December 23, 1985

Mr. Morris L. Levinson
625 Madison Avenue
12th Floor
New York, NY 10022

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Worcester, MA 01609

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December 4, 1985

Mr. Morris Dweck,
National Director
Public Relations
State of Israel Bonds
730 Broadway
New York, NY 10003

Dear Mr. Dweck:

Thank you for your letter of November 29 advising me that the 35th Anniversary of Israel Bonds and David Ben-Gurion's Centennial will be celebrated at a gala international dinner on June 1, 1986.

Let me assure you that we will not plan any special events on that date. In fact, we are in the midst of preparation for a Board Mission to Israel and our group will not return from this journey until May 31, 1986. As you can appreciate, this certainly precludes a major UAHC function on June 1, 1986.

With every good wish and kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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MORRIS DWECK
National Director
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November 29, 1985

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

We are writing to advise you that on Sunday evening, June 1, 1986, State of Israel Bonds will commemorate David Ben-Gurion's Centennial and the 35th Anniversary of Israel Bonds at a gala international dinner.


On that occasion, we will be honoring a number of outstanding Jewish leaders from around the world. We will be inviting the nation's most prominent national and local Jewish leaders to the dinner which will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria.

Because it will be an event with great significance for Israel, we are requesting that you do everything possible not to schedule any major event on that date.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,


Morris Dweck



August 12, 1985

Mr. Daniel L. Ritchie
EOD Dinner Chairman
Group W
888 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10106

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

Your letter of July 29 awaited me on my return from travels out of the country. I hope you will understand and forgive the delayed response.

While I would be pleased to serve on the Dinner Committee for the 29th Annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner of the National Urban League, I am unable to attend the September 10 meeting due to a prior commitment out of town. Indeed, I am not even certain that it will be possible for me to be at the November 21 dinner because of a conflict in schedule. Given these problems, I will certainly understand if you deem it proper not to list me as a member of the Dinner Committee. However, if you feel that my name will be helpful in any way in regard to the EOD Dinner, please do list me as a member of the committee.

With kindest greetings and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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July 29, 1985

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I have agreed to serve as Chairman of the National Urban League's 29th Annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner to be held on Thursday, November 21, 1985 at 6:00 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom of The New York Hilton Hotel. I would like to invite you to serve with me as a member of the Dinner Committee.

The National Urban League annually presents its Equal Opportunity Award to leading citizens. This year's honorees will be Mr. James E. Burke, Chairman, Johnson & Johnson and Dr. Jerome H. Holland, who will be honored posthumously.

The Dinner Committee will hold only one meeting prior to the EOD Dinner. We will meet on Tuesday, September 10, 1985 at 4:30 p.m. at The Four Seasons, (private dining room 2 and 3), at which time Mr. John E. Jacob, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League, will join us.

I do hope that you will serve with me on the 1985 Equal Opportunity Day Dinner Committee. The enclosed response card is included for your convenience.

Sincerely,


Daniel L. Ritchie
EOD Dinner Chairman

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[] I will serve on the 1985 EOD Dinner Committee.

[] Regret I cannot serve.

I will [] will not [] be able to attend the Committee meeting on September 10th, 4:30 p.m., The Four Seasons, 99 East 52nd Street, Dining Rooms 2 & 3.

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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

We are writing to urge you to join us in signing the enclosed open letter to Attorney General Edwin Meese III calling for an end to the Justice Department's attack on Black elected officials and voting rights activists in Alabama. (See enclosed material for more details.)

Since the Democratic Primaries last year, the FBI has conducted a massive investigation in Alabama's five Black majority counties based on allegations that altered absentee ballots had been cast. Eight people have been indicted so far. The first three, Perry County activists Albert and Evelyn Turner and Spencer Hogue, were acquitted of all charges on July 5.

The Perry County trial demonstrated beyond any reasonable doubt that the government had no case, that in fact these are racially and politically motivated prosecutions designed to intimidate Black voters and put a chilling effect on the Voting Rights Act.

Yet the Justice Department continues its attack on Spencer Hogue, charging him with attempting to influence a witness. Five Greene County activists begin facing trial on voting fraud charges August 26: Union, Alabama Mayor James Colvin, Bessie Jones Underwood, Frederick Douglass Daniels, Bobby Nell Simpson, and local SCLC leader Spiver Gordon.

Time is short. We plan to release the open letter to the media on August 26 from the steps of the Justice Department. Please sign the enclosed authorization form and return it to the NAARPR office today.

Sincerely,

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Open Letter to Attorney General Edwin Meese III:
Stop Justice Department Attacks on Voting Rights Activists

Dear Attorney General Meese:

We the undersigned to this open letter have followed the cases of Black civil rights leaders and Black elected officials in Perry and Greene Counties in Alabama with great interest and concern. These are the so-called voter fraud cases involving the alleged altering of absentee ballots during the September 4, 1984 Democratic Primary election in Alabama.

To date three people have been indicted in Perry County -- Spencer Hogue, Albert Turner and Evelyn Turner; and five people from Greene County -- Union, Alabama Mayor James Colvin, Bessie Jones Underwood, Frederick Douglass Daniels, Bobby Nell Simpson, and Spiver Gordon.

On July 5 Spencer Hogue, Albert Turner and Evelyn Turner were acquitted by a multiracial jury. The government failed to prove fraud. However, defense counsel did prove from our point of view that the Justice Department is more concerned with making presumptuous charges of voter fraud than with enforcing the Voting Rights Act.

We vigorously protest the unscrupulous and vindictive way in which the Criminal Division of the Justice Department is currently being used to unjustly prosecute Black elected officials and civil rights leaders in Alabama.

We are concerned about your role in Alabama because it is reflective of a basic policy shift to non-enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and Justice Department inspired and conspired legal lynching of Black elected officials and human rights activists. Throughout the South in Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, etc., the Justice Department is attacking Black political leaders on phony voter fraud charges.

The Justice Department has even continued its attack on Spencer Hogue by bringing new charges of attempting to influence a witness.

We demand that all pending charges against the above named defendants be dropped and the FBI cease and desist from its dragnet of spurious allegations of voter fraud.

We demand that the Justice Department return to the role designated by the Congress as chief enforcer of the Voting Rights Act not chief attacker.

18,500 people were registered to vote.

In fact, in the Second Congressional District of Mississippi, the state's only district with a majority black population, one-half of its twenty counties have more registered voters on the rolls than people of voting age.

Mississippi is not the exception. In Wilcox County, Alabama, eighty-five percent of the total population was registered to vote in 1980, according to the reports of the county's board of registrars; however, only sixty-two percent of the county was old enough to vote that year. In predominantly black Lowndes County, where whites also control the registration board, eighty-two percent of the total population of the county was registered to vote in 1980, although only sixty percent of the population was of voting age.

In other Southern counties where registration rolls are better kept, some local officials know more than they are telling. In Alabama, the Secretary of State's office says that most counties do not keep voter registration data by race. Yet, in Sumter County, local white registrars — appointed by the governor of Alabama — have the information. They just don't distribute it. Less than two years ago, an SRC representative discovered on his third visit to that registrar's office that registration data was being kept for each precinct, by race on computer. White officials simply did not wish to distribute the information and had denied its existence until it was inadvertently seen.

These inaccuracies and duplicities retard local efforts to increase real voter registration and turn-out; they hide local officials' caprice and hostility to black voters; and, too often, they permit former residents of a county and current

residents of the local cemetery to vote.

Proposals for reform offered by registration boards and their political allies would often have the same effect as the problems they are supposed to correct. In southwest Alabama, for example, recent proposals of reform would have wiped away all names from the voting rolls and required all citizens to re-register to vote within a few months. Opportunities for registration in most of these counties are restricted to less than ten days a month and usually only from nine to five (and closed at lunch time). Most registration can only occur at the local courthouse.

While farmers doing seasonal work might once have been able to re-register under these conditions, the fact is that most blacks in these rural areas now work regular shifts and must get the permission of white employers and miss a day's work to register. And for a large part of the elderly blacks who have no transportation, this type of re-registration would mean no registration.

In effect, these reforms would eliminate in two months a level of black registration that has required twenty years to build. Thus, blacks in these counties have been offered a political Hobson's choice: useless registration data or crippled black registration. Most blacks have chosen to block the devastating reforms and live without hard, accurate registration data which could often help them target registration drives.

Thirty-five years ago, V. O. Key stated in his authoritative study, *Southern Politics*, that "every local registration officer is a law unto himself...." In different circumstances today, the same conclusion applies to much of the South's Black Belt. Southern local and state governments must begin to collect accurate information on registration by race and to implement procedures that help — not hinder — people to register. Until we know how many blacks and whites are registered to vote in the South's precincts, we should assume that officials continue to hide mischievous practices which prompted the passage of the Voting Rights Act twenty years ago.

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Crackdown in the Black Belt Not-So-Simple Justice

By ALLEN TULLOS

In a trial that should reveal the distance the Reagan Justice Department will travel to cooperate with local white officials in suppressing the voting rights of black citizens, the case of *United States of America v. Albert Turner, Spencer Hogue, Jr., and Evelyn Turner* moved into a federal courtroom in Selma, Alabama, on June 19.

Meanwhile, US attorneys continue to supervise investigations and bring similar indictments against grassroots civil rights leaders for alleged violations of absentee voting laws in five west Alabama Black Belt counties. Indicted in Birmingham on June 11 were five Greene Countians, including longtime activist and Eutaw city council member Spiver Gordon, the black mayor of the town of Union, James Colvin, and three voting rights workers.



(l to r) Bobby Joe Johnson, Wilcox County Commissioner; Ralph Erving, tax assessor; Charles Prejean, Black Belt Defense Committee; Wendell Paris, Sumter County Schoolboard Chairman; in front of the Wilcox County Courthouse, Camden, Alabama. "Twenty years ago we wouldn't have even been allowed to sit here."

Other targets of the investigations include sheriff John Hulett of Lowndes County, and — from Wilcox County — Rev. Thomas Threadgill (often regarded as the spiritual leader of the Black Belt) and county commissioner Bobby Joe Johnson.

Arguing that the Justice Department's investigations of absentee voting practices in Alabama arise from a Reagan Administration policy of singling out black voting rights activists for prosecution, a group of nine black citizens (including four elected officials) from Greene, Lowndes, Perry, Sumter and Wilcox counties filed a class action suit on June 11 in federal district court in Montgomery challenging this policy and asking that the current, discriminatory, investigations be stopped.

Named as defendants in the federal suit are US Attorney General Edwin Meese; William Bradford Reynolds, Acting Associate Attorney General and head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division; Stephen S. Trott, who oversees Justice's Criminal Division; and the US Attorneys for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama. The Southern Poverty Law Center and the Southeastern Office of the American Civil Liberties Union are representing the Black Belt citizens who have brought the complaint.

"We think it's unfair the way the investigation is being conducted and felt this was the only way to let the people know what was going on," said Wilcox County Sheriff

Prince Arnold, one of the plaintiffs.

The civil suit charges that Justice Department officials and US Attorneys "are engaged in a concerted effort to unlawfully interfere with black citizens' associational and political activities" in the Black Belt, and that the current investigations discourage citizens from exercising their right to vote. Federal and local officials are also accused of ignoring numerous citizens' complaints as well as other information (such as that collected by federal election observers) with regard to electoral fraud and intimidation committed by whites and by black political opponents of the targets of the investigations.

In recent weeks, a clutch of FBI agents operating out of Mobile, Montgomery and Tuscaloosa offices have questioned as many as a thousand black absentee voters about the casting of their ballots in September 1984 elections. Civil rights leaders in the region wonder where these agents have been during the long years of white intimidation and violence that have accompanied the challenge to minority rule in the Black Belt.

The involvement of US Attorneys — whom local black citizens have taken to calling "federal persecutors" — in actions that intimidate voting rights organizations and voters in this majority black region of the South presents yet another face of the Reagan Administration's national effort

to push back two decades of civil rights gains. While not as widely known as Justice's moves to overturn affirmative action programs in state and local governments across the country, or its recent decision to oppose (in a US Supreme Court brief) North Carolina's singlemember redistricting plan, the trial of the "Marion Three" and the ongoing Black Belt investigations threaten to reverse the substantial electoral gains made by grassroots black majorities since the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.



Southwest Alabama Black Belt Counties

The discriminatory nature of the Justice Department's Black Belt investigations can be traced to a Reagan Administration policy change. Prior to 1984, Justice deferred to local authorities in cases of mixed federal-state elections in which an alleged crime had no effect on the outcome of a federal election. Just such an election was the September, 1984 primary from which the current indictments have sprung. In the summer of 1984, Justice Department officials — including William Bradford Reynolds and Stephen Trott

—devised a new policy for federal investigations of election offenses. Now, federal officials could begin to investigate "political participants" who "seek out the elderly, socially disadvantaged, or the illiterate, for the purpose of subjugating their electoral will" or under whose "watchful eye" a voter happened to "mark his or her ballot." According to Justice's manual on election crimes, this policy is aimed at persons who "exploit . . . the franchise of . . . socially dependent voters."

The Justice Department has applied this superficially helpful new policy in an explicitly racial and regional manner, targeting for investigation only black civil rights activists in Alabama Black Belt and other Southern majority-black counties. According to materials filed by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in a pre-trial motion on behalf of Perry County defendant Spencer Hogue, Jr., Assistant Director of Justice's Office of Public Affairs John Russell is quoted as saying that "civil rights leaders and religious leaders" have been targeted for investigation because of "arrogance on the part of blacks" in the region.

"They have come in here, with their indictment papers in their pockets, to wipe us out," says Sumter County schoolboard member Wendell Paris, one target of the investigation. "There's another Reconstruction headed this way. If they get the people they're after, that's the end for the foreseeable future of black sheriffs in the Black Belt of Alabama, that's the end of black state legislators, that's the end of officials elected by the majority of black people."

At stake in the Black Belt is the coalescence of black political power over a multi-county region which has historically been dominated by some of the Deep South's strongest white politicians. At stake are scores of local elective offices, administrative control of revenues, resources and policies, sufficient clout to secure black participation in government public works contracts and programs, several seats in the Alabama legislature, influence upon the outcome of a US Congressional candidacy, and the margin of difference in a close Senate race.

Over the past twenty years, blacks in the ten southwest Alabama counties affected most by the current prosecutions have gradually won local elective offices. Prior to 1965, whites controlled all ten county commissions, eleven boards of education and thirty-four town governments. Since the Voting Rights Act, blacks have emerged to fill the majority of the seats on five county commissions and five school boards. Blacks now direct the municipal governments of nine towns, while whites still remain in control of five county governments and thirty-three of forty-two towns, including every county seat. The 138 black elected officials in the ten west Alabama Black Belt counties account for forty-four percent of all of Alabama's black elected office holders. Among this number are three sheriffs, one probate judge, three state representatives and one state senator.

Although anything close to exact voting registration figures for blacks and whites in this ten county area (indeed, throughout the South) are both hard to come by and reflect voting rolls from which the dead, departed and duplicitous of both races have not been cleared, the relative numbers tell a story. From the pre-1965 era when there were essentially no registered black voters in the Black Belt, 1982 registration figures show more than 70,000 black voters and 62,659 whites.



Albert Turner

"The local white powers and the feds have said that the Black Belt has gotten too politically strong," says Wendell Paris. "That's what this is about. This isn't really about a few absentee ballots. And they've begun by indicting Albert Turner because he is the bellcow of the Black Belt."

"Do you think that they're going to come through here and put Albert and Evelyn in jail, Spencer Hogue in jail, Spiver Gordon and Rosie Carpenter in jail, John Hulett, Reverend Threadgill in jail — and you think black folks would come back to the polls?"

The success of the strategy of collaboration between local and federal officials to thwart the emergence of black political power in this majority-black region of the South will be significantly affected by the outcome and the public reaction to the trial of the three defendants from Perry County.

After months of a joint local-federal investigation in which white law enforcement officials, US attorneys and FBI agents targeted black civil rights leaders, violated the secrecy of black voters' ballots, eavesdropped upon the activities of a grassroots voting organization, intimidated grand jury witnesses, and ignored evidence of election wrongdoing committed by the largely white, political opponents of the defendants, federal prosecutors have assembled the approximately two dozen absentee ballots which the Turners and Hogue are accused of altering, falsely witnessing

and mailing and for which they face years in prison and tens of thousands of dollars in fines.

Like Black Belt circumstances in general, the Perry County situation must be understood in an historical context. For twenty years Albert Turner, Evelyn Turner and Spencer Hogue, Jr., have worked through the community organization which they founded, the Perry County Civil League, to improve the lot of black citizens in their home county and region. From 1965 until 1972, Albert Turner directed the Alabama activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was a chief lieutenant and confidant of Martin Luther King, Jr., driving the highways and backroads of Alabama during the height of modern white resistance.

"There's no explanation in the world as to how I'm still living," Turner has said. I ran the state SCLC office. I was the top nigger. And I didn't back off of nothing. I went in every county in this Black Belt and preached and left at twelve o'clock that night and drove home by myself. And ain't never looked back. Now you tell me there ain't no God. I don't listen to that kind of talk."

In the mid-1960s, voting rights activities of the Perry County Civic League first began to move the county toward political democracy. The group faced an intransigent land-holding class, descendants of antebellum Black Belt planters, who owned the area's resources, and controlled the local governmental offices. Supporters of the Perry County Civic

League also faced the deferential customs, deep fears and historical powerlessness of the black population in this region where economic survival has been tied for generations to the fortunes of local white families.

The PCCL helped local blacks to fight the battles for integration of public facilities and institutions. It assisted poor, elderly and disabled black citizens in making application for federal food, medical and financial aid. And, over a period of years, using the wedge provided by the Voting Rights Act, the PCCL chipped away at white rule in this county where today sixty percent of the population is black.

Throughout the Black Belt prior to 1965, blacks were shut-out of the electoral process. No blacks were elected to public office in these counties for nearly a century following Reconstruction. The Turners, now under indictment for alleged voting law violations, initiated the lawsuits that first brought federal registrars into Perry County to aid blacks in becoming registered voters. PCCL supporters have carried voters to the polls, accompanied them past the uniformed presence of armed white lawmen, and upon request, have gone with them into the voting booth. As in surrounding counties where similar efforts were underway, black registration in Perry County grew steadily, increasing from twelve voters in 1965 to the over five-thousand names that are on the current rolls.

Blacks who protested their historical inability to vote in Perry County were met first with hostility, arrest and violence. In March 1965, Jimmie Lee Jackson, a black voting

rights activist was murdered. When racial violence diminished, white resistance continued with public and private institutions fighting against integration and democratic control. Today, Perry County, like the rest of the Black Belt remains at the heart of Dixie's private school, "Christian academy" movement.

"The effects of this history," observes Steve Suits, SRC executive director, "are real and direct upon many elderly blacks who have been victimized by a history of racial exclusion and violence — and by the low levels of education obtained as a result of government-enforced segregation."

"For example, a black woman at the age of sixty-seven today in Perry County has spent almost three-fourths of her life in segregation where blacks could not vote, could not attend white schools, could not use public toilets, and had to have a white person vouch for her in order to obtain loans or government services. This is why it is important that the black elderly, who make up fifteen percent of the Perry County population have private citizens whom they trust to assist in exercising the right to vote. For many of these blacks, merely approaching a courthouse or polling place means overcoming a lifetime of custom."

"We have problems," says voting rights worker Rosie Carpenter of Greene County, "because we are competing with white bankers, doctors, lawyers and businessmen. They sit near the polls to intimidate the black voters. Dr. Joe P. Smith, a local doctor here, came over to the black precinct at the Eutaw Activity Center and there were black people afraid to vote their conviction because he was sitting at that table."

"A black lady told me when I went to show her how we were voting, 'I tell you what I'm going to do. Dr. Joe P. been to my house and he gave me this card and showed me how to vote. You know he's us doctor. I'm going to vote the way that the black people are voting, but I can't let him know it because he is us doctor and we will need him.'"

"This same doctor," Ms. Carpenter continues, "had white folks picking up and hauling black folks. Out at the armory I saw white ladies bringing in their cooks and maids. I had never seen that before in history. The white mistresses were bringing their cooks in."

"When Spiver Gordon was running to be the first black elected to the Eutaw city council," recalls Ms. Carpenter, "white policemen were posted at black voting boxes, in their uniforms and with pistols."

Absentee balloting emerged as a matter of serious concern to whites in the Black Belt during the late 1960s, as black registration became more common. For at least a decade, white absentee landowners and former residents who have ties of kin and friends "down home," but who now live anywhere from Birmingham to Chicago to New York have continued to vote in Black Belt contests at the request of local white officeholders and candidates. (See "Crackdown in the Black Belt," *Southern Changes*, March/April, 1985.) On election nights throughout the early 1970s, white officials found electoral deliverance inside dependable absentee voting boxes filled with lopsided margins. Federal and state authorities took no notice, and sought no indictments, against any whites on charges of absentee voter fraud.

"Do you know why the roads to white folks' cemeteries are paved in the Black Belt?" Wilcox County Commissioner



Annie Thomas and Rosie Carpenter of Greene County.

Bobby Joe Johnson asks. "It's so people won't get their feet wet if it rains on election day."

Black support groups such as the Perry County Civic League sought to counter white abuse of absentee balloting not only by registering complaints, but by registering a greater number of black absentee voters. They have worked to make the election process easier and more accessible for elderly blacks, for those attending college away from home, and for the many county residents who must commute to manufacturing and wood-cutting jobs across county lines.

"You can't win an election in the Black Belt of Alabama if you don't have a sophisticated get-out-the-absentee vote effort," points out Annie Thomas, Rosie Carpenter's sister and another experienced organizer in Greene County.

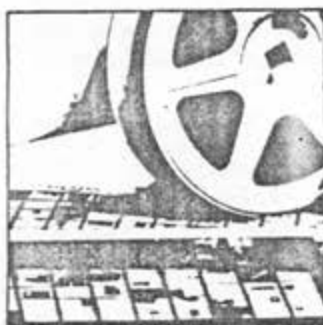
Among the black absentee voters in the Black Belt counties are a disproportionately high number of voters who are illiterate or otherwise incapable by themselves of understanding the intricate procedures required in order to apply for, fill out, witness and return absentee ballots in the proper form. "Without the assistance of persons knowledgeable about absentee voting procedures and the issues and candidates involved," says the SRC's Suits, "many rural black voters in the Black Belt counties of Alabama, although fully qualified to vote absentee, would be unable to do so and accordingly would be deprived of the franchise."

Virtually all blacks in the Black Belt over the age of twenty-five were educated, if at all, in substantially inferior, segregated schools. The level of education for the adult population, especially the elderly, is very low. By the 1980 census, only forty-three percent of the total population over



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the age of twenty-five in Perry County had a high school diploma, although fifty-seven percent of all Alabamians of that age had high school diplomas. For the elderly and black the level of education is much lower. For example, the number of persons twenty-five years or older with four years of high school education in 1950 in Perry County — those who would be fifty-five years or older today — was only 110 of 5,780 blacks.

Black Belt counties are the state's poorest. To find jobs, many workers must travel out of their home county everyday. Census data for 1980 shows that thirty-one percent of the working population in Perry County (home of the Turners and Hogue) work outside the county. In nearby Lowndes County, the number reaches almost fifty percent. To vote, these commuting workers must miss work — and jeopardize their jobs with white employers — or obtain absentee ballots.

Job and housing discrimination in Black Belt counties has restricted many blacks to housing in widely dispersed rural areas, distant from voting locations. For these citizens, absentee balloting has meant increased participation in elections.

The right to vote in the Black Belt also remains impeded by practical barriers. The number of days, the location, and the times at which a citizen can register to vote in this region are limited severely in comparison to more urban and suburban locations in Alabama.

"There ain't nobody else out there who understands this stuff like we do," Albert Turner has said with regard to the efforts of community organizers to gather the rural black absentee vote. "I mean you got to know the laws, you got to have dedication. You've got to get up off your ass and get out there and go to them folks' houses. This ain't no playtime."

The Perry County Civic League's get-out-the-absentee-vote organization merits awards rather than indictments. The PCCL has taken a foothold in the Voting Rights Act and climbed toward political power by squeezing every possible vote from the county's black communities.

About ten or fifteen group leaders are responsible for the different communities of Perry County. Group captains first identify potential absentee voters and help them fill out applications for ballots. State law requires county officials to post, daily, the names of persons requesting absentee ballots and also requires the ballot to be sent on the day the county clerk receives the request. Black Belt voting rights workers watch the courthouse bulletin board to see when a ballot is in the mail.

"And we get out there," says Rosie Carpenter, who performs a similar task in Greene County, "and make sure the voters get their ballots before anybody else can get them."

"Over the last several years," says Steve Suitts, "elderly

black voters in the Black Belt have come to depend upon black citizens, often civil rights advocates, to assist them in filling out their ballots. The relationship between the activists and elderly blacks is based upon trust, oral communications and shared assumptions. The advocate must often interpret the oral instructions of the voter in light of their past relationship and understanding.

"For instance, several years ago, I travelled with a black civil rights worker in the Black Belt as he visited with and assisted absentee voters. I remember in particular one person we stopped to see.

"I want it done like last time," said an elderly black voter, telling the organizer how she wished to vote. Yet, on this election's ballot there were fewer candidates than 'last time.'

"Because I was present," Suitts continues, "the black organizer asked the woman a question he later told me he already had answered for himself.

"You want to vote for the blacks that are running?"

"You know that's it," she said. 'Don't you make fun of an old woman like me.'"

Oral tradition and black community consensus inform the political culture of the Black Belt. To be effective, civil rights advocates must make good faith interpretations of oral instructions, which may not be plain in meaning to others who do not know the assumptions established over time in their relationship. Yet, if community organizers approached many elderly and non-literate voters differently, they would discourage many of these folk from voting, and they would not have achieved the increased registration and turnout in the Black Belt since 1965.

Not all elderly black voters who need and ask for assistance fit the customary image. "We have some very shrewd and determined old folks among the elderly population in this Black Belt," says Wendell Paris. "They are our best voters because they were the ones out there in the streets getting their heads beaten in 1965. Anybody who was fifty years old in the movement is seventy years old today. They are our best voters. They'll get on the telephone and call you and say, 'When are you going to come and get my vote?' They are serious about voting."

After ballots are marked, they are collected door to door by the group captains and brought to a central meeting. Perhaps one person picks up twenty-five ballots in her community. A man in another community may gather seventy-five or a hundred ballots. All the ballots are brought together in order to know exactly who has been contacted and how many will be mailed. In Perry County, the marked ballots are then taken to the county seat of Marion to be mailed, using postage purchased by the PCCL. In the September 4, 1984 primary Albert and Evelyn Turner mailed about 350 ballots; Spencer Hogue, Jr. mailed perhaps 150.

"If you mailed a ballot from the end of the county, out in the rural area," says Rosie Carpenter, speaking from her experience in Greene County, "it probably never would get to town."

White opponents have been known to go through the backwoods roads of Perry County and take enough ballots out of the mailbox to change an election.

"This is what folks like Albert Turner went through the

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Black Belt teaching people," say Wendell Paris. That's why the white folks consider him as the instigator of this."

When black communities are organized so thoroughly, all the potential absentee voters are easily identified. "We know," says Annie Thomas, "who is going to college, who's sick, who goes out of the county to work. And that's what the FBI can't understand. That's the reason they look for conspiracies and think there's so much fraud. They know that there is no way for any a single individual to honestly be able to go out in all these places and know who's sick or who's going out of the county to work. What surprises the FBI is the fact that we have a system whereby a local person who knows the community gets people these applications and ballots. They don't believe anybody could know all these people and their situations. But you can't do it any other way and hope to win elections."

With gradual but steady success, the Perry County Civic League has identified, promoted and help elect candidates that represent the majority of the county's black voters. Yet, as the current prosecutions demonstrate, the PCCL continues to face a core of diehard enemies among the county's traditional white leadership, as well as a small but significant number of black political rivals who at one time or another failed to get PCCL endorsement for their candidacies.

White powerholders in the town of Marion and the county of Perry have not taken kindly to the PCCL's persistent attempts to perpetrate democracy. The beginnings of the current trial go back to the fall and winter of 1982-83 when state district attorney Roy Johnson of Marion convened a grand jury to consider his allegations that the PCCL's voter-assistance programs were not conducted lawfully. This investigation targeted Albert Turner and Spencer Hogue, Jr., and arose from the successful efforts of PCCL-endorsed candidates in the September, 1982 primary and run-off elections. Throughout the Perry County drama, District Attorney Johnson has acted the defender for the interests of the county's good white society.

After Johnson presented his evidence against Turner, Hogue and other PCCL supporters, the grand jury found no grounds for any indictments. In preparing the final report of the grand jury, however, he inserted a passage referring to vote "tampering" and requested an "outside agency, preferably federal to monitor our elections." Subsequently, Johnson and others in Perry County, including Probate Judge Floyd Cooke appearing on local television, have relied upon this statement in the grand jury report as proof of a local desire and need for a federal criminal investigation. Interviews with the grand jurors themselves, however, have established that they did not intend to request a federal criminal investigation, but were merely endorsing the kind of routine federal voter assistance and monitoring which blacks in the area have been requesting and receiving since passage of the Voting Rights Act.

By the time that the majority black, locally constituted, state grand jury had failed to indict any members of the Perry County Civic League, District Attorney Johnson was already looking for federal friends in high prosecutorial places. In October of 1982 he wrote to Assistant Attorney General William Bradford Reynolds of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department. Johnson charged that the situation in Perry County with regard to absentee voting



Bobby Joe Johnson

abuse and intimidation at the polls was "becoming explosive." He said the county sheriff's office was unable to protect citizens' voting rights. Johnson suggested the need for a federal investigation and asked, not for the usual federal observers, but for federal marshalls to supervise upcoming elections. In reply, Assistant Attorney General Reynolds wrote Johnson that under provisions of the Voting Rights Act, the office of Attorney General could not send federal marshalls to conduct local elections. Reynolds suggested that Johnson take his information to the FBI or the US Attorney for the Southern District.

Roy Johnson persisted. Sometime in 1984, the Justice Department and US Attorney Jeff Sessions of Mobile (who came to his prosecutorial office the grace of Alabama's first-term Republican Senator Jeremiah Denton), agreed to join Roy Johnson in a federal-local investigation of members and supporters of the Perry County Civic League. Conveniently, this effort coincided with the change in US Department of Justice selective-prosecution policies with regard to alleged voter fraud, and with the 1984 federal elections.

In the summer and fall of 1984, with the encouragement of the Department of Justice, District Attorney Johnson began to pursue an investigation of the political and voter assistance activities of PCCL supporters. County officials and would-be officials worked in concert with the US Attorney and FBI agents to secure prosecution of PCCL



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supporters in order to undercut the organization's political effectiveness. The investigation included the assigning of the local law enforcement officials to monitor PCCL meetings with listening devices and to conduct surveillance of PCCL voter-assistance activities leading up to the September 4, 1984 primary election.

In addition, after consulting with US Attorney Sessions in Mobile and Department of Justice officials in Washington, District Attorney Johnson advised several Perry County candidates or former candidates for local public office — all of whose candidacies had been or were being opposed by the PCCL — to file a lawsuit in September of 1984 with Circuit Judge Anne McKelvy. This suit's request, which was granted, permitted white Perry County Circuit Clerk Mary Auburtin (a long time PCCL opponent) to number all absentee ballots and envelopes — without the knowledge or consent of absentee voters — in such a way that the names of each voter and the candidates they voted for could be known to law enforcement officials.

After the September election, FBI agents took the numbered absentee ballots, went to the homes of dozens of elderly black citizens, confronting them with ballots which they thought had been cast in secret, and began questioning them about "ballot tampering." By law, federal actions affecting the custody, secrecy and integrity of ballots must be supported by probable cause and authorized both by federal court order and the prior approval of the Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice — none of

which occurred in the Perry County investigation.

The next step in the federal-local effort was the convening — in the fall of 1984 — of a federal grand jury, not in the Perry County area where all the relevant documents, witnesses and targets were, but in Mobile. Unlike the state grand jury convened in the Black Belt by District Attorney Johnson in 1982, selection of members of a federal grand jury — as well as the jury for the Selma trial — drew upon a jury roll heavily weighted with white, male, Mobilians.

In the weeks between the September, 1984, primary and the November general election, dozens of elderly, black Perry County absentee voters were interrogated at their homes, then — with the help of FBI agents, Alabama State Troopers, several Marion city police officers and a game warden — were loaded on buses, and with a Trooper escort, were transported two-hundred miles to testify about who they had voted for and who had given them assistance in casting their ballots.

These tactics of threatening, frightening and intimidating elderly and uneducated witnesses, and of leading many of them to believe that their absentee voting somehow violated the law, resulted in inaccurate and misleading testimony. Among the witnesses whom the Government carried to Mobile were several whose health was threatened by the trip; a man in his nineties suffered a stroke and a woman, a ninety-year-old woman had a relapse of heart trouble. The Mobile ordeal has convinced some black citizens of Perry County never to vote again.

Alabama Black Belt Defense Committee

Financial support is urgently needed for the legal defense of the Black Belt community organizers indicted in the current federal investigations. The Alabama Black Belt Defense Committee has been established to raise funds and engage in other activities of support. Contributions should be sent to:

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Mobile is not the Black Belt and the federal white grand jurors who were selected there had little understanding of or sympathy with the defendants' voter-assistance and voter-advocacy activities. Although members of the Perry County Civic League — and participants in similar groups across the South — engage in constitutionally protected activities in helping voters obtain absentee ballots, by endorsing candidates, and by aiding elderly and illiterate voters to cast their ballots, these practices offended some of the Mobile grand jurors' strongly felt beliefs that voting is only proper when each individual voter votes in total isolation and privacy without the knowledge or assistance of anyone else. A twenty-nine count indictment was brought and the trial set for Selma.



Bulletin board, Greene County

One other theme must be wound into the present story of the Marion Three and the Black Belt's prospects for political democracy. By 1982, two local groups — the White Citizens Council and Concerned Citizens of Perry County — were working actively against the Perry County Civic League to elect white candidates and the few black candidates willing to fly a flag of convenience. The appearance of a number of black "coalition" candidates, as they currently describe themselves in the Black Belt, represents the most recent innovation in the effort of white elites to ignore the handwriting on the wall.

In Greene County, where the "coalition" movement stirred to life in early 1984 (and where blacks, who count for seventy-eight percent of the population, have held all of the county's elective offices since 1968), a published handbill announcing the "coalition's" organizational meeting argued that "if the forces of the radical Black front" were to be defeated, the "key for the 1984 County election is to support good, responsible Blacks and to keep Whites out of the race." This strategy of combining white votes from the town of Eutaw with an obliging minority of black votes led to several victories in the 1984 Greene County election.

"In the long run," Wendell Paris observes with regard to the white strategy of divide and conquer, "single-member districting is the best way. Ain't no doubt about about it. You see, you can always get a few of these blacks who ain't into nothing, who just want prestige, and a white man tells him, 'I'll elect you, cause you are a good guy.'"

"Of course, what hurts these white folks so bad is that we did that to them. When we first got started we couldn't beat the entrenched white politicians. So what we did as black people was vote for a milder white man to move out the giant. And came back then with a black to beat the rookie white. They're reversing that on us."

"What they're doing at this point is getting a Tom black elected and next time they're going in themselves because

they hope to have us split."

To head off the "coalition" strategy that cripples black voting strength, Alabama state senator Hank Sanders of Selma along with state representatives Lucius Black of York, and Jenkins Bryant of Newbern (black legislators whose own elections testify to the growing self-determination movement in the Black Belt), navigated a redistricting bill through the Alabama legislature during the 1985 session. The new law provides for the replacement of the present at-large method of electing county commissioners with new single-member district plans for the counties of Greene, Wilcox, Sumter, Lowndes and Perry. Already, white probate judge Floyd Cook of Perry County — a stalwart of old guard opposition — has asked the Justice Department (under the preclearance provisions of the Voting Rights Act) to object to the new state law.

"The local people in Marion," observes Wendell Paris, "would almost rather have war than for the legislature to have passed the single-member district plan. They believe that Albert Turner will run for one of the soon-to-be created districts and be elected. If he does, he could turn out to be chairman of the county commission, which would be tantamount to being probate judge. They were hoping Albert would be in jail by now, or on probation with his record ruined and his influence at a dead end."

The prospect of representation on Black Belt county commissions in proportion to the racial distribution of the population is unprecedented in the region. Supporters of the Perry County Civic League and voting rights groups in the neighboring counties soon to apply the colored pencils of redistricting to huge county maps like the one which fills a living room wall at Albert and Evelyn Turner's home in Marion.

"Free the Marion Three" reads the 1960s-style slogan on a tee shirt now being seen from Selma to Port Eads on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. Above the slogan appears a black and white drawing of the Turners and Spencer Hogue, Jr., as they pose in front of a map of Marion drawn in single-member districts. Will the census tracts belong to the people?

"So now," hopes Sumter County schoolboard member Paris, "white voters in Perry County will get their two seats and we will get our three. In Greene they will get their one and we will get our four. In Sumter they will get their two and we will get our four. One person, one vote and a surer chance at fairness for black and white."

And so the importance of the current trial in Selma. ■

Annual Meeting

The 1985 Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 8, 9, and 10.

Please reserve these dates. More information will be sent to you later in the summer. ■

Marion Fraud Trial Proof Didn't Jell

By JOE McFADDEN

Much of Alabama was stunned by the acquittal of the Marion 3. No one ever really believes "innocent until proven guilty." Mere indictment raises suspicions that at least some of those 26 questioned ballots were false.

Yet a multiracial jury, sequestered from suspicions of arson and contempt-of-court alarms, found all three innocent of all charges in less than three hours of deliberation.

"Now the federal court says you can vote as many times as you like," was not an unusual reaction. "When things get hot, start a fire."

None of the working press who sat through the presentation of courtroom evidence expressed much surprise. Nobody proved vote fraud. The rest of us succumbed to the volatile nature of the subject and grasped at any straw which supported whatever we held as a preconceived notion.

There were plenty to grasp. Personified by Albert Turner, the defendants were the same individuals who had overturned an entire social system, forced the same revolutionary voting law they were accused of violating and 20 years later still sometimes agitate have-nots against the haves.

The judge properly hid from the jury a suspicious fire at Turner's home and indications that other counties' voting might be just as bad if the FBI looked as closely. Neither had anything to do with whether these particular ballots had been altered fraudulently.



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But the rest of us dwelled on these parts of the picture, including lawyers on both sides as much as the judge let them. People farther away in this kind of situation sometimes get a plainer view.

Consider this resume for the readers of Newsday, a newspaper on Long Island. Reporter Marilyn Milloy described the trial at the point where the prosecution witnesses had testified and court was closed on Sunday, June 30.

"Government witnesses, particularly elderly residents on whom prosecutors were relying for much of their strongest testimony, have offered un-

clear and confusing statements. In several cases, they have stunned prosecutors by directly contradicting previous grand jury testimony.

"Many have spoken in nearly inaudible tones. At least six were accompanied by a nurse, one was blind, one toothless, another wheelchair-bound and several carrying canes. At least two praised the defendants, calling them 'fine boys' and friends who had helped them plant seeds and run errands over the years....

"When Eva Lou Smith took the stand, for instance, she first told the prosecutor she didn't vote in the primary. 'I ain't gonna lie,' she said feistily, her gray hair covered with a yellow kerchief.

"You know nothing about this ballot?" asked the prosecutor, Gloria Bedwell.

"No, I don't," Smith answered. Asked later if she voted in September, she said, "Yes, I think I did."

"She then told a defense attorney she had authorized (a defendant) to help her 'decide how to vote.' Asked if her ballot indicated the same choices she'd made when she voted, she said after a pause, 'I can't see it good.'"

Local or visiting reporters seemed

agreed on two main points. The evidence was doubtful. Prosecutors weren't very convincing.

As the Advertiser's Al Benn wrote afterward, defense lawyers exulted when the government insisted on reading sworn grand jury testimony into the record — there lay their defense, engraved, sealed and impervious to questions. Proceed to Atlanta's Mayor Young as a character witness and then closing arguments.

"A popgun versus cannon," another reporter described this part of the trial. The government lady stumbled from one document to another reading her halting argument when she could lay hands on the right paper.

By contrast, any one of the row of defense attorneys was prepared to spellbind anything from a Sunday night congregation to a recalcitrant juror.

But suppose they'd been evenly matched. What of the evidence itself? In that case, surmised a reporter, acquittal might have taken as much as four hours.

The writer is senior editor of The Advertiser.

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To: RCAR Denominational Leaders and Board Members
From: Mark A. Bartner, Legislative Coordinator *MAB*
Date: August 8, 1985
Re: Letter in response to assault on family planning funding

Call 8/22/85

The latest manifestation of the fight for abortion rights is the assault on family planning in the guise of opposing abortion. Anti-choice forces have joined with opponents of family planning in a new strategy aimed at ending all U.S. support for family planning, both domestic and international. This campaign has already lead to the defunding of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and possibly the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), and threatens the reauthorization of Title X, the national family planning program.

The assault on family planning has been led by the usual anti-abortion activists -- Jesse Helms, Chris Smith, Henry Hyde, etc. They have succeeded in turning debate on family planning programs into debates on abortion. Arguing that funding any agency which uses even its non-U.S. funds for abortions is to support abortion, Hyde and others have jeopardized these programs, which do more to prevent unintended pregnancies, and thus abortions, than all the moralizing of right-to-lifers.

In June, the House failed to reauthorize Title X on a suspension vote. Although a bare majority supported reauthorization, a two-thirds majority was required for passage under suspension. The narrowness of the vote indicates that there has been a significant drop in Congressional support for Title X. The Senate version has 32 cosponsors, but the bill is being blocked by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT). Title X is due to expire on October 1 if it is not reauthorized.

The FY 1986-87 foreign aid authorization bill, while still granting \$290 billion in budget authority for family planning programs, nevertheless earmarks no funds for UNFPA and IPPF, which traditionally receive a set share of the funds. This frees the Administration to pursue its "Mexico City" population policy, which denies funding to any non-governmental agency which directly or indirectly supports abortion; and to withhold funding from UNFPA in the guise of protesting coerced abortion and infanticide in the People's Republic of China. It is important to remember that U.S. funds have been prohibited from being used for abortions since 1973.

Since Congress has heard from religious leaders opposed to family planning, it is imperative for religious leaders who support the U.S. commitment to family planning to speak out. We are therefore planning to send the enclosed letter to all Members of Congress, signed by the heads of each organization or denomination within RCAR. We would also welcome denominations and groups which are not RCAR members, but support family planning. At this time, it is vital for religious leaders of diverse faiths to express their support for family planning.

We have compiled a list of denominational leaders whom we would like to sign the letter. In order to save time, a copy of the letter and this memo is going to RCAR Board members and those denominational leaders (please refer to enclosed list). RCAR Please also refer the letter to other denominational leaders whom you believe should sign the letter. Board members are asked to follow up to get leaders of your denomination to sign the letter. In addition, Board members are asked to notify us if there is a better procedure for obtaining signatures from

your denominational leaders. We would like your response by Friday, August 23, so that the letter can be mailed before Congress returns in September. Enclosed are two labels which we will use for your signature on the letter. Please sign them and return them to RCAR. Please indicate your correct title if different from that on the enclosed list.

Please contact Mark Bartner or Freddie Hodges for more information. Thank you for your cooperation.

DRAFT LETTER ON FAMILY PLANNING

Dear Representative:

As representatives of a number of diverse faith groups, we are writing to express our unwavering support for international and domestic family planning funding by the United States. We are deeply concerned about the outcome of recent votes concerning international family planning services and Title X, the national family planning program. We remain committed to these programs, and are particularly concerned that the abortion issue is being used to smokescreen opposition to family planning.

It cannot be stated strongly enough that family planning is the single most effective method of reducing the need for abortion services. We, too, are concerned about maintaining traditional family values, but we do not believe that the defunding of population programs is the answer to these concerns. Family planning is one of the most "pro-family" issues of our time.

Internationally, many religious organizations work in developing nations, where they witness daily the poverty and starvation which accompanies worldwide drought. It is a blessing for men and women to be able to plan for the children for which they can adequately care, and not to have to suffer the agony of watching malnourished children die slowly in their arms.

The foreign aid authorization bill passed by Congress this year will restrict funding to the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities. The result will be to increase misery and suffering, and may ultimately result in the need for increased abortion services. Reducing aid to effective international population programs will not reduce the abortion rate. We should not punish more than 100 countries which benefit from UNFPA population funds because of our concern about coercion in China, which has a lower abortion rate than the U.S. No UNFPA funds are used for abortions anywhere in the world, including China.

The attempt to weaken or defund Title X will not increase morality or reduce the number of abortions. It will, however, increase the number of teenagers who become pregnant and subsequently have abortions because they are too poor or too scared to obtain family planning services another way. The confidentiality of Title X guarantees to millions of teenage girls and low-income women the availability of contraceptives and counseling, thereby making it less likely that they will become pregnant unintentionally.

Title X also provides funds for fertility services, which give childless couples a real chance to have wanted children; prenatal care, which leads to the delivery of healthy babies; and research to improve the safety and effectiveness of contraceptives. All of these activities are "pro-family," because the purpose of Title X is to help people plan for the children and families they can afford to love and cherish.

Responsible people must be permitted to make responsible choices concerning their reproductive lives. The right to privacy should be protected, and the vital humanitarian aid provided through UNFPA and IPPF must continue to be available, as it has been for two decades. We urge you to encourage the President to continue funding UNFPA at current levels and to restore funding to IPPF at the earliest possible opportunity.

As religious leaders representing numerous Protestant, Jewish and other faith groups, we encourage you to vote to restore both domestic and international family planning funding as a means to enhance the quality of life for the entire world community.

BECAUSE OF RECENT ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS (SEE ENCLOSED ARTICLE) REGARDING INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING FUNDING, WE HAVE ADDED THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH, TO BE INSERTED AFTER THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH ON PAGE ONE:

We are also concerned by the recent decision by Agency for International Development (AID) Administrator M. Peter McPherson to dramatically increase funding to agencies which promote only "natural" family planning. We believe that people have the right to make an informed decision on what method of family planning suits them best, based upon complete and accurate information about all options available to them. Promoting "natural" family planning, which studies have proven to be highly ineffective, denies women the opportunity to make an informed choice. By doing so, AID is imposing one religious belief concerning contraception to the detriment of views of other religious traditions. The withdrawal of the informed consent guidelines, which have effectively guided AID policy for 20 years, threatens the effectiveness of birth control programs throughout the world. For this reason, as well, it is vital for Congress to take a stand in favor of maintaining longstanding U.S. support for family planning programs as part of our longstanding commitment to development assistance.

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'Natural' Family Planning Groups Funded

Major Shift by AID, Effective Immediately, Follows Vigorous Lobbying Campaign

By Lionel Barber
Washington Post Staff Writer

In a break with a long-established policy, the Agency for International Development has agreed to fund groups that promote only "natural" family planning in underdeveloped countries, without reference to other available forms of contraception.

In the past, AID required all its grant recipients to supply couples with a wide choice of contraceptive methods, such as birth-control pills, intrauterine devices, spermicides and condoms.

The agency's shift means that the natural family planning advocates will be able to promote just their own method, which involves refraining from sexual intercourse during about half of a woman's menstrual cycle.

Some of the groups oppose the use of other contraceptive methods, saying that they destroy life in its earliest forms through mechanical or chemical means.

The policy change comes after a vigorous lobbying campaign by some natural family planning groups that involved Vice President Bush and former White House aide Faith Ryan Whittlesey, who is now the U.S. ambassador to Switzerland.

AID is the federal agency most involved with channeling foreign aid and information for family planning to the Third World.

The new policy will apply immediately to a \$20 million AID program for five years that will promote this method.

Since 1981, AID funding for natural family planning has mushroomed from \$800,000 to \$7 million.

The natural family planning groups who lobbied for the change are opposed to abortion and all

forms of contraception other than periodic abstinence.

They now encourage use of the so-called Billings method, in which women test their cervical mucus to determine when they are fertile and thus when they must abstain from intercourse.

But the effectiveness of the method has been challenged. A recent World Health Organization survey in El Salvador, India, Ireland, New Zealand and the Philippines found that even though 93 percent of the women were able to recognize when they were fertile, the method was only 78 percent effective because couples did not abstain from intercourse when they were supposed to.

The change in the AID policy has angered groups committed to "informed consent," the idea that people receiving family planning advice should be given information on a wide range of birth-control choices.

"For 20 years, AID has strongly supported freedom of choice in family planning programs. It has now adopted a policy that will deny women abroad freedom of choice in their method of family planning," said Kathleen Mazzocco, spokesman for the Population Crisis Committee in Washington.

But the decision has delighted the groups that lobbied for it. "I am still boggled that we won on this issue; I never expected it," said Mike Marker, co-director of the Minnesota-based Human Life Center.

Since he was appointed in 1981, AID Director M. Peter McPherson has been under pressure from conservatives and antiabortion groups. They have criticized AID for providing foreign aid to famine-struck Marxist regimes in Mozambique and Ethiopia and accused the agency of being indirectly involved in

promoting abortion in China—a charge denied by McPherson, who has repeatedly emphasized that AID promotes all forms of family planning except abortion.

According to Capitol Hill sources, pressure to change the agency's "informed-consent" policy came first in a March 13 letter to McPherson from Whittlesey, then special assistant to the president for public liaison.

Whittlesey voiced the concern of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights that AID was discriminating against natural family planning organizations that were seeking agency grants.

"I would appreciate your guidance regarding these allegations since they would affect the president's credibility with the pro-life movement, which has been so supportive of the president," she wrote. "It would be unfortunate if any conflict developed between the administration's pro-life policies and its population assistance policies."

Whittlesey asked McPherson whether informed consent was an internal AID policy or required by Congress. "If NFP recipients are required to provide referrals to organizations that engage in abortion or provide chemical or mechanical techniques, we will be excluding the very groups that are more effective in promoting NFP . . .," she wrote.

On March 15, McPherson met with representatives of antiabortion groups. Among them was Mercedes Arzu Wilson, executive director of the Family of the Americas Foundation, which lists as one of its objectives "the rejection of contraception, abortion and sterilization."

According to an internal AID memorandum, Wilson asked if AID intended to change its policy on informed consent. When McPherson said it did not, Wilson replied: "Then we are out of it."

On May 21, Wilson and Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.), a vocal opponent of abortion, met with the

vice president. On May 29, Wilson wrote Bush:

"As you so rightly commented, Mr. Vice President, the internal regulations that Mr. McPherson refuses to change are absolutely irrational and are channelling taxpayers' monies to the wrong hands."

According to Bush spokesman Shirley Green, the vice president thought that government regulations were standing in the way of a worthy goal. "He thought the policy should be reviewed," said Green, "but he did not lean on McPherson."

In mid-June, AID softened its line on "informed consent," saying that to qualify for agency funds, natural family planning groups only had to refer clients to other family planning services if they specifically asked for such information.

But on June 18, eight natural family planning groups, led by Marker and Wilson, wired McPherson to say that their "conscience" prevented them from going along with this policy.

By July 8, McPherson had altered the agency's position, saying the groups did not have to provide information on other methods.

"I struggled with this decision a lot," McPherson said last week. "It was not taken in a day. But I feel this modification is an advance of family planning overall."

He said that the policy had excluded many of the groups most knowledgeable about natural family planning from qualifying for the agency's expanded grant program in that area.

Asked if Bush had pressed him to change the policy, McPherson replied, "His office did talk to me when they referred Mrs. Wilson's letter to me. I called the vice president after I had made my decision. He said 'Fine.'"

Killing Population Aid

REP. DAVID OBEY, chairman of the House subcommittee dealing with foreign aid appropriations, says he won't recommend any money for international family planning programs next year until Congress decides what if any policy it wants to pursue. Mr. Obey is no foe of these programs. But, he points out, amendments added to other bills, together with new restrictive administration regulations, may have put most family planning programs out of business already. As a result, the need for continued funding is unclear.

It would be nothing less than a tragedy if the United States, for more than a generation the world's principal sponsor of population aid for developing countries, ended its support. No small element of the tragedy would be the increases in infant mortality, abortion and infant mortality that would inevitably result. But Congress cannot go on pretending to respond to widespread public support for voluntary family planning programs while also making it impossible for those programs to operate.

U.S. family planning aid has always operated on the premise that deference should be paid to local laws and customs and personal preferences. Channeling aid through voluntary and multilateral organizations has been the preferred approach to avoid the appearance or the reality of interference by the U.S. government. Developing a trustworthy network of service providers in impoverished and remote areas has not been easy. But the cooperation of church groups, voluntary organizations and local governments has

produced significant progress in recent years.

No U.S. money—for that matter, no United Nations money—is used for legal abortions, much less for coerced abortions or infanticide. The Reagan administration itself has investigated and certified that. Nonetheless, in the name of combating alleged coercive practices in China, both houses have adopted amendments to a supplemental appropriations bill and to the foreign aid authorization bill that may make it impossible for many family planning programs to operate.

The Agency for International Development, moreover, having already cut off aid to the International Planned Parenthood Federation, the major operator of programs in developing countries, has now issued rules giving favored treatment to programs that counsel sexual abstinence as the only method of birth control. The new rules also require all other local agencies to stop dealing with doctors, hospitals and other medical service providers that perform legal abortions.

The most vocal groups advocating these restrictions make no bones about the fact that they oppose all "artificial" birth control. That's not a position that would win much support among U.S. families and certainly not one that Congress should be imposing on people in other countries, directly or indirectly. If Congress doesn't believe the Chinese government's assurances that it opposes infanticide and other abuses, it should deal with that issue head on instead of using it as an excuse to obliterate an immensely valuable world program.

Family-Planning Scare Tactics

If you want to clear a room of congressmen these days, all you have to do is whisper "abortion." That's the technique that foes of birth control are using to block legislation—such as the domestic family-planning programs supported by Title X of the Public Health Service Act—that, judged on merit, would enjoy wide support in both parties.

No money under Title X has been used for abortion-related activities for more than a decade. In fact, as senior Republicans and Democrats on the House health subcommittee agree, money spent on family planning is one of the most effective ways of reducing abortions. An estimated 430,000 abortions are avoided in this country each year because of these programs.

Title X has been the target of the part of the anti-abortion movement that also opposes all "unnatural" birth control. Directly presented, this position would win little support in a country in which women use contraceptives widely. So opponents chip away at the programs by offering amendments that they hope will label program supporters as being "pro-abortion" or "anti-family."

One amendment would prevent subsidized family-planning services from being offered in places where abortions are also carried out. This would have little effect on abortion clinics, but it would close down family-planning services at a substantial number of hospitals—a foolish disruption of useful services.

Another amendment would prevent doctors from discussing legal abortions as an option for patients—probably a First Amendment violation. Another would require family-planning centers to notify parents if their teen-age daughters seek services—a rule far more likely to encourage sexual activity than not.

Hoping to avoid a fight, bipartisan supporters of Title X tried last week to bring the measure to the House floor under a procedure preventing any amendments. While the vote won majority support—which would not have been possible if abortion had really been at issue—it failed to get the two-thirds majority needed to block amendments. Now sponsors may sidestep reauthorizing Title X and simply continue funding through the usual last-minute omnibus appropriation bill.

Avoiding debate on an easily distorted issue is tempting. But Congress ought to be willing to stand up and be counted on a measure where public support is real. There is wide agreement that parents ought to encourage their children to behave responsibly and that family-planning clinics should, as they do, encourage family participation. But the evidence from this and similar countries shows that wider cultural factors—and not family planning—determine the level of teen-age sexual activity, and that family planning is the best way to avoid the sad consequences of much of that activity.

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PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for the letter has been extended to Thursday, September 5 at 12 noon.



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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

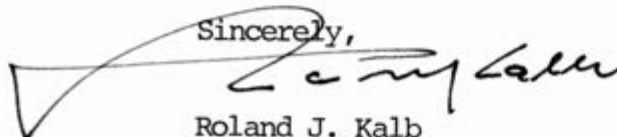
I am writing to you on behalf of the Assaf Harofeh Medical Center which I understand you have visited and, towards which you have expressed support.

As you may know, I am in the process of creating the American chapter of the Friends of Assaf Harofeh in an effort to coordinate fund raising activities nationwide for this very exciting health care institution which provides medical care in all major disciplines.

I am planning to be in Israel during the first part of June so that I may finalize plans for the American effort and establish goals to insure the success of our commitment to the institution and to the people of Israel.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your interest in the Assaf Harofeh Medical Center. American support is surely vital to its success.

Sincerely,



Roland J. Kalb

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
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Dear Rabbi Schindler,

First of all let me thank you again for your interest in Assaf Harofeh Medical Center, for your effort to visit the hospital and to look at first hand at our facilities, our problems and our hopes for the future.

It is indeed very comfortable to know that leaders of the Jewish Community like yourself are interested in us and are actively supporting our so much needed hospitalization project.

I am writing to report to you that so far, inspite of all the financial difficulties, we manage to keep on the building process of the Aliza Begin Project, we have invested in it more than 1 million dollars already, and the government is actively supporting this project by matching every dollar that we manage to raise from our friends in Israel and abroad. However, our limited resources are now nearing the exhaustion point and every help that you can possibly extend to us morally, financially or by your outstanding organizing capability is very much needed and will be sincerely appreciated.

We have now a newly appointed representative in the U.S. - Mr. Roland Kalb of N.Y. who was elected President of the American Chapter of the Friends of Assaf Harofeh and we all hope that he will be very useful to you in your efforts on behalf of the Aliza Begin Building Project in Assaf Harofeh.

Thanking you again for all your goodwill and wishing you all the best in health and happiness.

Yours sincerely

M. Waron, M.D.
Hospital director

Copy: Mr. Yehiel Kadishai,
Prime Minister's Office Jerusalem

Mr. Roland Kalb, Representative of the American Friends of Assaf Harofeh Hospital, 2 Eaton Lane, Scarsdale N.Y. 10583, U.S.A.

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing at Al Vorspan's suggestion to request that the UAHC serves as a conduit for tax-exempt contributions to the American Jewish World Service during the period necessary for the IRS to approve our own 501 (c)(3) status. That period may be several weeks or months. This is a critical time for our fund-raising, thus we would appreciate this assistance. I am enclosing letters from our attorney and our CPA stating their belief that we meet all requirements for IRS approval.

The American Jewish World Service has been established as a non-political channel for funding long-term development projects and when necessary emergency famine relief programs throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America. Our programs benefit people in need regardless of religious or ethnic background.

Our motivations are quite simple. We believe the chronic hunger and poverty facing over 450 million people in the poor nations will know no solution until all people of good will place the problem above politics and ideology. Though long-term development is our primary purpose, compassion compels us to work on emergency relief when necessary.

This is today necessary in Africa where so many people are at serious risk of starvation. We have chosen to begin our work in the southern African nation of Mozambique which is one of the nations hardest hit by the multi-year drought and subsequent famine. Our in-country assessment in January showed that medicine is the major relief need not being met by any of the international agencies. Currently there is a total absence of basic drugs inside the country. We have committed AJWS to emergency provisions while we also work with longer-term strategies of primary health care and training.

Rabbi Schindler -2

Emergency supplies will be airlifted to Mozambique in early to mid May. Already we have received a donation of approximately \$100,000 in medicines from a pharmaceutical firm. This is a major step toward the airlift.

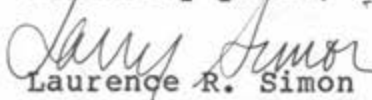
I make this request for the UAHC to serve as a temporary tax-exempt channel as the Synagogue Council of America has requested that they phase out of this role. Al Vorspan can fill you in on the internal problem at the SCA. As five members of our Board are also on the SCA Board, it is clear that we enjoyed strong support there.

I am enclosing a current list of our Board of Trustees. To this list should be added Elie Wiesel who has just accepted Board membership.

Your early decision on this request would be greatly appreciated as our fund-raising efforts have been placed in limbo until we find the alternate channel. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information you may need.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Laurence R. Simon

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cc Al Vorspan

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March 8, 1985

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Mr. Lawrence Simon, President
American Jewish World Service, Inc.
110 Oxford Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

In Re: American Jewish World Service, Inc.

Dear Larry:

On behalf of your organization, I have filed the application form and related documents with the Internal Revenue Service in Brooklyn, New York, in order to obtain a ruling declaring the organization to be exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Having looked over such documents as the Articles of Organization, the Bylaws, and the Prospectus, I fully expect the Internal Revenue to issue a favorable ruling for the organization, stating it to be a public charity exempt under Section 501(c)(3).

Sincerely,



Myron Greenside

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HERBERT M. WEISS & ASSOCIATES

50 MILK ST.

BOSTON, MASS. 02109

March 1, 1985

Mr. Lawrence Simon, President
American Jewish World Service, Inc.
110 Oxford Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Larry,

American Jewish World Service, Inc. has been incorporated under the Massachusetts not-for-profit statute (G.L. Ch. 180).

Myron Greenside, C.P.A., of Starr, Finer, Starr & Co. of Boston has advised me that he has applied to the Internal Revenue Service for a determination letter to the effect that A.J.W.S. is a qualified charity under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). While I have not yet seen the application as filed, I am generally aware of its contents from discussions with Mr. Greenside, and I assume the application described the operation and purposes in a manner consistent with its on-going activities.

I also assume the possibility that the Internal Revenue Service may require some modifications or amendments and that these will be made and will not be sufficiently material to substantially delay or prevent the issuance of a favorable determination letter.

I understand that there are parallel organizations (i.e., Catholic Relief Services, Church World Services, Lutheran World Relief, and American Friends Service Committee, among others) who are qualified charities and that the A.J.W.S. should similarly qualify.

It is my expectation, therefore, that a favorable determination letter will issue in due course. If you have any questions, please call me or Mr. Greenside.

Sincerely,



Herbert M. Weiss

HMW/el

cc: Mr. Myron Greenside
Mr. Lawrence Phillips

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January 24, 1985

The Hon. Naftali Lavie, Ambassador
Consul General
~~Consulate~~ General of Israel
800 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Naftali:

Many thanks for your gracious invitation to serve on the Honorary National Committee being formed for the World Assembly in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the victory over the Nazis. Let me advise you immediately that I will be delighted to have my name appear on this Honorary Committee.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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January 16, 1985

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

The World Assembly to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the victory over the Nazis will be held in Israel this coming May. The Assembly is being organized under the patronage of Prime Minister Shimon Peres and an International Honorary Presidium to include Heads of State will be chaired by the President of the State of Israel, The Honorable Chaim Herzog. The gathering is being convened to serve as a forum for all those individuals, both Jewish and non-Jewish who were instrumental in the battle against Nazi Germany.

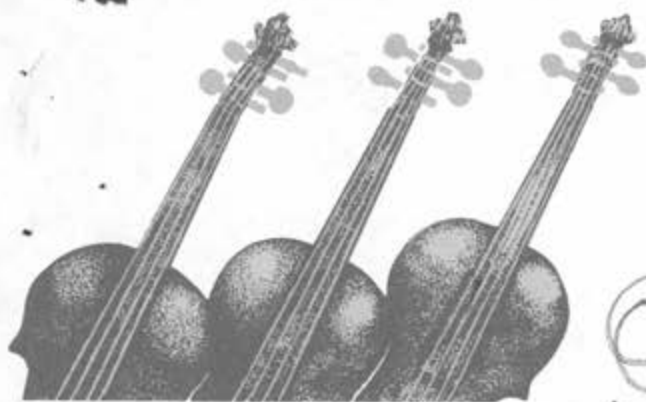
It is a privilege for me to extend to you a formal invitation to join an Honorary National Committee now being formed in the United States. This Committee will be headed by Dr. Henry Kissinger and will be composed of many outstanding public personalities. Your membership on this Committee will lend dignity and stature to the thousands of participants who are expected to attend.

We will be honored if you would kindly respond to this invitation at your earliest convenience. If you would like additional information, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Naphtali Lavie
Ambassador
Consul General

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Symphony for Peace

A Benefit Concert

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Arthur Winograd
Conductor

Benita Valente
Soprano

December 20, 1984

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing to ask you to be an Honorary Sponsor of "Symphony for Peace", a benefit concert to be held at Bushnell Memorial Hall on the evening of March 31, 1985. As Music Director of the Hartford Symphony, I will be conducting this concert with members of the Hartford Symphony who are donating their time and talent.

This very special event is being sponsored by seven organizations--listed on this letterhead--which are deeply committed to stopping the arms race and which are committed to the concept of a bilateral, verifiable nuclear weapons freeze between the United States and the Soviet Union. Funds raised by the concert will be used by these organizations, all tax-exempt, to further the process of education about the vital issue of ending the nuclear arms race.

The inspiration for "Symphony for Peace" originated with some of the Hartford Symphony members themselves, who are part of Musicians Against Nuclear Arms (MANA). Similar events have been held in other cities over the past two years, including Boston, New York, Chicago, Cleveland, and Washington. In each case, the concerts have been extremely successful, both in raising the levels of consciousness about the dangers of the arms race and strengthening the financial base of the sponsoring organizations.

Sunday
March 31, 1985
8 p.m.
Bushnell Hall
Hartford, Connecticut

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Symphony for Peace
c/o Peace Education, Inc.
55 Van Dyke Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

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To Benefit Work
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Nuclear Weapons Freeze

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On behalf of the Concert Steering Committee, made up of representatives of the sponsoring organizations, I would like to ask you to participate in this event by joining other leading Connecticut citizens in lending your name to the concert letterhead, program, and fundraising appeals as an Honorary Sponsor. In this capacity, you will be invited to attend the concert, a pre-concert dinner, and a reception following the concert as a special guest. Your involvement in this event will help make "Symphony for Peace" a highlight of the cultural calendar while at the same time underscoring the vital importance of working for arms control.

The Musicians Against Nuclear Arms have said, "As musicians we are involved through our music in the affirmation of life. Let us use our voices for the survival of civilization rather than be helpless victims of the death and destruction promised by nuclear war." We know you share our concern and we hope you will be a part of our effort in putting on "Symphony for Peace".

Enclosed is a reply form for your convenience. Please respond by January 10, 1985, to enable us to list you on the concert invitations.

Sincerely,

Arthur Winograd
Arthur Winograd
Conductor, Hartford
Symphony Orchestra

P.S. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Wass, the Concert Coordinator, at 522-7068.

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October 3, 1984

Mr. LeRoy Robinson, Jr.
Chairman
Family Service America
44 East 23rd Street
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for your gracious letter in regard to the 73rd Anniversary Celebration of Family Service America. It will please me very much to serve as an Honorary Sponsor of "A Salute to Families!" Please do feel free to add my name to the list of Honorary Sponsors.

I am making note of the Celebration on February 21, 1985. I am not certain it will be possible for me to attend as I have some conflict on my schedule, even now. If I am in New York, of course, I will be happy to attend.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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September 27, 1984

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing in the hope that you will permit us to include your name among the Honorary Sponsors of "A Salute to Families!" -- the 73rd Anniversary Celebration of Family Service America -- which will be held at the New York Hilton on Thursday evening, February 21, 1985. (I am enclosing a list of those who served as Honorary Sponsors for last year's occasion.)

This year, we will be presenting the Corporate National Distinguished Service Awards to two outstanding industry leaders, Walter V. Shipley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Chemical New York Corporation and Chemical Bank, and John B. Carter, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U. S. and a member of its Board of Directors.

As you may know, since its founding in 1911, Family Service America has been the only privately sponsored national organization devoted entirely to the strengthening of services for families in 42 states and six Canadian provinces. With ten thousand volunteers and seven thousand professionals, FSA helped to improve the lives of more than three million men, women and children.

Your serving as an Honorary Sponsor implies no obligation except to add your name to those distinguished men and women who have already agreed to join in this year's "A Salute to Families!"

With deepest appreciation,

Sincerely,

LR/me
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LeRoy Robinson, Jr.
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September 25, 1984

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Thank you very much for your recent letter. I am disappointed that you are unable to join the Board of Advisors of the United States Committee, United Nations Lumbini Project. However, I understand your situation.

I hope we can work together in the future. With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Karl G. Springer
Executive Director

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September 24, 1984

Dear Committee Member:

I hope the summer has been a pleasant one as we now turn our thoughts to the coming school year.

By the time this letter reaches you, the 16th class will already be in Kfar Blum, and it is not too soon for us to be thinking about future classes.

To that end, we will be holding a meeting on Thursday, September 13, 1984 at 6:00 P.M. at the W.Z.O. - 515 Park Avenue, New York (second floor auditorium). Yoel Rappel, the Director of the Department of Education and Culture will join us and you will have an opportunity to meet with him, hear reports about the returned class and that which has recently left, etc.

We do hope you and your spouse will join us. A light supper of sandwiches and drinks will be available. Please let us know if you will attend by returning the enclosed envelope and coupon.

I look forward to seeing you September 13.

Sincerely yours,

Fradle

Fradle Freidenreich

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September 13, 1984

Mr. Haim Ben-Shahar
The Israel-Diaspora Institute
Tel Aviv University Campus
Ramat-Aviv, Tel Aviv, 69978
Israel

Dear Mr. Ben-Shahar:

Thank you for your letter of August 30. I appreciate your comments and I believe that we hold many similar views. I would like to be of assistance and to work with you on the conference on "Who is a Jew?" as a Jewish Survival Issue. My travel schedule of course is a very hectic one but if I can be involved in the Steering Committee work, I would be delighted. Please keep me posted as plans develop.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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THE ISRAEL-DIASPORA INSTITUTE

המכון ליחסי ישראל-תפוצות

August 30, 1984,
Elul 2, 5744.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler,
President,
Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
830 5th Ave.,
New York,
N.Y. 10021.

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

I saw you quoted, earlier this month, on the current round of the "Who is a Jew?" controversy, to the effect that "Jewish unity must never become a bargaining chip on the table of political power".

I could not agree more, but that table is exactly where the issue rests so long as we relate only to its political aspects in Israel.

We need to try again (despite the frustration of previous, worthy attempts) to break the vicious circle of antagonism and non-communication surrounding this critical issue, and to convene a serious deliberation on its conceptual, spiritual, halakhic and ethical dimensions. Most of all, we need to create a vehicle which would allow for some dialogue on the matter. Without this, the gap will grow, a situation we can ill afford, particularly in such a time of political and ideological polarization. Jewish unity is truly in the balance.

The Israel-Diaspora Institute, about which I have written you before, (and whose Co-ordinator, Mr. Shelly Schreter, interviewed you last May), is proposing a conference on "Who is a Jew?" as a Jewish Survival Issue. In effect, we see this as the long-overdue extension of Ben Gurion's famous initiative, as described in the enclosed proposal, to clarify the issue.

I feel strongly that you should play a central role in this conference, from the articulation of the agenda through the implementation and the follow-up afterwards. I am, therefore, inviting you to serve on the conference steering committee, and will be in touch with you personally next month to discuss the matter. Let me add that the President of Israel, Chaim Herzog, has taken a deep interest in this conference. He has agreed to deliver the keynote address at its opening, to preside at its conclusion and to advise the steering committee in formulating the plans.

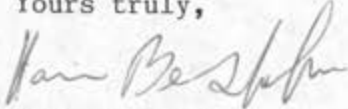
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I am well aware of the difficulties in putting together such a gathering but am driven by a sense of urgency and anxiety about the cost of failing to do so. The Israel-Diaspora Institute, it seems to me, is an extremely appropriate sponsor for such a venture, given its non-political and non-ideological (in religious terms) nature, and its raison d'être of reinforcing and enhancing the relations between Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

I sincerely hope to be able to work with you in this important undertaking.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Haim Ben-Shahar".

Haim Ben-Shahar.

Adm. cc's enclosed to
To Ar. V.
Eric Goffe
Don Guter
Dick Cohen.

Should I respond favorably to
Shachar's plea? It is worthy,
of course, but is this the
appropriate umbrella?

Don, please call Zeev
Chofetz & get his assessment.
Eric, please check w/ some
of our people in Israel to
see what they think.



June 29, 1984

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

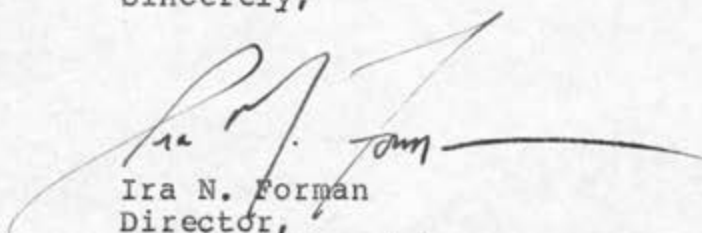
Per your conversation with a member of the NatPAC staff, we are including your name in the ad we are running in July.

We greatly appreciate the authorization for the use of your name on our list of distinguished Americans who are standing up to be counted as friends of strong U.S.-Israel relations.

Thank you again for your cooperation in this important matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Ira N. Forman
Director,
New York Operations

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June 26, 1984

Ms. Nancy Bell, Administrative Coordinator
Center for Jewish Community Studies
1017 Gladfelter Hall
Temple University
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Dear Ms. Bell:

Thank you for your letter of April 10, which has just reached our office. We are pleased to learn that you are interested in the work of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and will be happy to share pertinent materials with you.

Under separate cover, a copy of our 1982-83 Annual Report is being sent to you as well as brochure which describes the programs and services of the UAHC. Our major publication is the magazine REFORM JUDAISM and we are sending a few back issues for your perusal. We have also asked the editor to place the Center for Jewish Community Studies on the mailing roster to receive RJ in the future.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Daniel J. Elazar

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

June 26, 1984

Aron Hirt-Manheimer

We have received a request from the Center for Jewish Community Studies at Temple University to send them our annual report and a newsletter. They would like to have an exchange. Would you be kind enough to put them on the mailing list for Reform Judaism and send me a few back copies of the Magazine to share with them. The address is: 1017 Gladfelter Hall, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122.

Some of the names connected with this will be known to you, including the president, Daniel Elazar, and the secretary, Mervin Verbit.

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April 10, 1984

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838 Fifth Avenue

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Dear. Rabbi Schindler,

The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs/Center for Jewish Community Studies is a world-wide policy studies institute devoted to Jewish public affairs. The Centers maintain a library, archives and reprint materials. In order to up-date the archives, we would like to receive from your organization both an annual report and a newsletter. Perhaps we could arrange an exchange of newsletters?

We have enclosed a more detailed account of the Centers' activities. We appreciate your consideration of the above request and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Very truly yours,

Nancy Bell

Nancy Bell

Administrative Coordinator

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cc: Daniel Elazar
Jerusalem

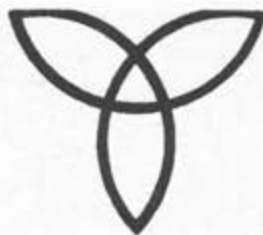
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The Center for Jewish Community Studies with its Israel arm, the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, is in the forefront of the development of programs designed to strengthen and promote the interests of Israel, the American Jewish community, and the Jewish people all over the world.

WHO ARE WE?

The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs/Center for Jewish Community Studies is an independent, non-profit institute for policy research and education serving Israel and the Jewish people. Policy research has become an established branch of the policy making process in the United States and other Western countries. More recently, it has begun to be fashionable to establish 'think tanks' within the Jewish community. Because the leadership of the Jewish people is of such high quality, they too, have come to learn that in a complex world, no real leader can rely solely upon being a 'mavin.' The reconstituted Jewish polity of the post-war era needs the broad perspectives and exploration of issues in depth that only a center such as ours can provide.

The Jerusalem Center is more than just another such institute. Not only are we one of the oldest in a young field but we are the only successful independent think tank of world-wide scope which combines in-depth research and action-oriented policy studies across the range of issues on the contemporary Jewish agenda.

From our founding, we have sought to view the Jewish people in Israel and the diaspora as one, whose state and diaspora communities have shared public concerns as well as special local ones, all of which need to be given thoughtful consideration by academic and other experts drawn from a variety of disciplines, locations and viewpoints who are also regularly involved in Jewish public affairs as individuals. We maintain offices in Jerusalem, Philadelphia, and Montreal. Our network of Fellows and Associates is spread throughout the world. We believe that our unique mix gives us the requisite objectivity and flexibility, within the framework of our shared commitment to the Jewish people.

-- *The Jewish Agency*: Our Fellows include the foremost students of the Jewish hence we have been working on the future of that body at its request and the request of the diaspora leadership.

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-- *Studying Jewish Community Organization*: To give our work proper grounding, we not only go to the rich Jewish past but maintain a range of studies of contemporary Jewish life--mapping Jewish community organization throughout the world (you may know *Community and Polity*, one of our products); scanning the synagogue as communal institution, probing the new role of the Federations, and the like.

The Center is particularly qualified to undertake studies across the range of concerns of the organized Jewish community, to contribute to the education of communal leaders, and to deal with organizational problems within the Jewish community.

WHAT DO WE DO OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO YOU?

The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs is uniquely qualified and equipped to provide long-range guidance and resources to the world Jewish polity. Through our involvement in Project Renewal, we have been able to establish strong, productive lines between the sponsor communities and their Israeli project communities which have enhanced the project itself and raised it from just another fund-raising campaign to a more participatory experience for the sponsor communities. The *Jerusalem Letter/Viewpoints* is widely acclaimed by community leaders all over the world as one of the most reliable, enriching and unique sources of information about trends in the current Jewish agenda. Our publications (which our supporters and sponsoring institutions receive) serve to keep our readers abreast of the latest findings in Jewish public policy research and programming. The informal briefings we provide affiliated key community leaders upon their arrival in Israel familiarizes them with aspects of the current Israeli scene and equips them to evaluate pressing issues from a more informed perspective.

We are, in effect, the independent eyes and ears in Israel for American Jewish leaders who feel the need for on-the-scene information and evaluation free of governmental constraints.

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March 21, 1984

Mr. Yaakov Riz, President
Operation Truth
1453 Levick Street
Philadelphia, PA

Dear Mr. Riz:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. I appreciate
your comments.

Unfortunately, I do not serve a congregation and therefore
am not in a position to invited you to address my people. I
trust you understand my situation.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Philadelphia

APRIL 1982

Teaching The Holocaust

By Chaim Potok

Philadelphia schools were the first in the country to turn history's darkest hour into a curriculum. Here's the reason why.

TO HELP PREVENT ANOTHER HOLOCAUST!

The Last Hero of the Holocaust

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LEST WE FORGET!

ESCHELLA RIZ

MY FATHER'S PROMISE TO GOD

By Eschella Riz

When my father was in his death cell waiting to be shot. He raised his eyes to heaven. And made a promise to GOD. If he will come out alive from the red "paradise" He will become an educational crusader. Fighting Communist-Nazi lies. And for 19 years He keeps his promise, his word in his lonely basement Holocaust Museum. To the Creator, to the LORD.

WALLENBERG SAVED 100,000 JEWS FROM THE NAZI GAS-CHAMBERS! NOW WE MUST SAVE HIS LIFE FROM THE RED GULAG!

AN APPEAL TO CONSCIENCE

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Yaakov Riz has created a Holocaust museum in his Northeast Philadelphia basement, which he says thousands of young people have visited.

Help us to save Raoul Wallenberg from the Red Gulag somewhere in Siberia! Join Us! SUPPORT OPERATION TRUTH

A CRY FOR HELP

DEDICATED TO **RAOUL WALLENBERG**

YAAKOV RIZ lives in Northeast Philadelphia in a gray fieldstone rowhouse fronted by a small raised lawn. It seems a quiet street, lined now with trees that stand bare beneath a chill white sky.

I have heard about this basement. It has been converted by Yaakov Riz into a museum of Holocaust memorabilia. It is a small room and the descent into its midst is chilling. The walls are lined with pictures and posters—battered, askew, ineptly mounted—depicting the agonies of the Holocaust. Starved faces, skeletal forms, frozen screams. Placed among the pictures are slogans in an amateurish hand: OUR WORST ENEMY IS OUR OWN APATHY. ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR EVIL TO TRIUMPH IS THAT THE PEOPLE DO NOTHING. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IS THE ANSWER TO SURVIVAL.

There are books, magazines, newspapers, all on the Holocaust. Neo-Nazi hate literature covers a small section of wall. In some of the large photographs German officers shear the beard of an old Jew, women try vainly to cover their nakedness from the eyes of jeering German soldiers, a boy raises his arms high over his head before the rifle pointed at his back. 11 Polish nuns who attempted to save Jews are being shot to death by German troops in a snow-filled forest. Yaakov Riz points out a cake of soap made of human fat, a whip used on Jews by a Nazi officer, a gas mask of the sort worn by guards who opened the gas chambers to remove the bodies. There is a large oil painting of a concentration-camp scene.

Yaakov Riz talks. His family perished in Auschwitz—except for one brother, whom he did not find until long after the war. Riz was not in a death camp but was interned by the Russians in a slave-labor camp for about six years. After his release in 1947, he was sent to Poland. From there he fled to Palestine, was wounded in the Israeli War of Independence, and ended up in America. He came to Philadelphia in 1957. He is married, has three grown children, is the principal of a small Yiddish school, and is overwhelmed with guilt at having survived the Holocaust. He believes that God allowed him to live in order to teach the Jewish tradition and to keep alive the memory of the Holocaust. One day he had a vision—to establish a walk-in center on the Holocaust. This he did—in his basement, which 22 years ago was his children's recreation room. He claims that thousands of young people have been to this basement, 20 or 30 at a time. He talks of their letters to him. Beneath his tinted glasses his face looks flushed.

His dream is to build an identity center and a museum.

His outspokenness, he says, is part of the reason the Holocaust is taught in the Philadelphia public-school system. He says he speaks to classes himself a couple of times a year.

Yaakov Riz
1453 Levick Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19149

Dear Yaakov Riz,

I read about you in an article in a Philadelphia magazine written by Chaim Potok, and because of this article I am very interested in learning more about your project. I am a twenty year old student of Spanish and French who would love to learn Yiddish, but I have had no luck in finding books and other materials to help me in my studies. Could you possibly send me some books so that I can begin to learn the language and discover the great Yiddish culture? Anything you can spare for me would be highly appreciated. I am furthermore interested in the Holocaust, Soviet Communism, and Nazism; do you have any particular books to recommend on these subjects?

Not only am I interested in studying Yiddish, I am also eager to learn more about Jewish history. I also read an article about you in *The Daily Advance*, *Remembering the Holocaust Helps Insure Peace in the Future*, written by Dr. Paul Carlson. I think that it's important for Jews and non-Jews alike to hear about what you are doing to insure that past injustices do not reoccur. I myself am a Catholic, and I only hope that you can find the support you need to continue your work. Please be aware that I am willing to help inform people about that work.

Thank you very much,
Vickie Monnig

Lenny Neil Friedman is producing a film about the life and work of Yaakov Riz and his Holocaust Museum. Friedman heard about Riz's work and was so impressed that he felt the story must be made available to a wider audience. Brad Soltoff is directing the film, to be called *My Promise to God*, which will also be the name of a book by Yaakov Riz.

Film about Riz to be shown

The world premiere screening of "My Promise to God," a film about the life of Yaakov Riz, founder of the Jewish Identity Center and Holocaust Museum, is slated Tuesday, 11 a.m., in the Mayor's Reception Room 202 in City Hall.

Educator, lecturer and humorist Jacob Riz will entertain with Yiddish humor the Golden Age Club, at the Rawnhurst Jewish Center, Summerdale Ave. and Hoffnagle St., Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 1:15 p.m.

The Yiddish Musical and Humor Kapelya founded by Yaakov Riz, to bring a revival of Yiddish Culture and Music in America will entertain you. Call now Yaakov Riz (215) 535-4398

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February, 1984

Dear Supporter of the JIC - Holocaust Museum,

We are appealing to you, once again, for your support of our yearly traditional Free Passover Seder for youth and college students. As you know from previous years, this project is vitally important in as much as it offers an opportunity for young people to attend a Seder which they would not have otherwise. Each year, over 100 culturally and economically deprived youths are treated to an evening filled with Jewish traditions, music and of course, a Passover meal. This year, your help is needed more than ever before in as much as we are extending our invitation to our Soviet Jewish brethren, most of which have never experienced the celebration of Passover due to their persecution under the Communist government.

The Jewish Identity Center works all year around to ensure that this project will be successful, but it can only work if the needed funds are there. This is a time of year when the missionary movements are extremely active in recruiting new members through their so called "Passover Seder". We would hate to think that our children would end up attending one of their dinners because the funds could not be raised for this project.

The Seder will be held at the Drizin Weiss Jewish War Veteran Post on Sunday, April 22, at 5:00 P.M. The Post, which is located at 913 Tyson Avenue, has been gracious enough to lend us their facility for the second year in a row.

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Free Youth Seder Highlights Passover

by Rhonda Hoffman

Jewish Times Staff Writer

Laughter and song, and the story of Passover filled the room at the L.L. Peretz Workmen's Circle School, 6515 Bustleton Ave., on Saturday evening as close to 100 people gathered to celebrate Passover, the festival of freedom. Many were children, both Russian and American, who came with their parents and grandparents, to partake of this timeless tradition. Sponsored by the Jewish Identity Center, founded by Yaakov Riz, this sixth annual seder featured a special "Identity Haggadah for Contemporaries" compiled by Dr. Philip Rosen, an educator and social historian.

The seder commenced with a reading from the Haggadah about the significance of freedom, by Riz, the director of the Jewish Identity Center and Holocaust Museum on 1453 Levick St. and the principal of the Workmen's Circle School. "The seder is the means by which families and friends, young and old, are brought together and reminded of the heritage of the Jewish people. This provides the context of Jewish identity, for identity is more than a feeling, it means to know, love and be part of a tradition, history and culture of a people. . . . As we observe the seder celebration and drink to ancient liberation, we pray for modern liberation for all those living in political, economic and social bondage. As we bring the seder cups to our lips, we remember, too, the liberation of Jews from the Nazi Holocaust and the ending of 2000 years of homelessness by the creation of the State of Israel."

AFTER RIZ'S THOUGHT-PROVOKING introduction, all seder participants sang a song written by Riz, "Shalom is Pain and Gloom." Rabbi Maurice Nouvesseller from Beth Chaim in Feasterville conducted the seder, reading from portions of the Haggadah and instilling his own wit and wisdom into the traditional ceremony. His rendition of "Let My People Go" was uplifting and inspiring. If only the Egyptians had heard him sing it 4000 years ago, they indeed might have listened to his plea.

Riz's daughter, Iona, also led the group in several familiar Hebrew songs including "Day-yay-boo," "Pyramid," and "Shomer Yisroel." His wife, Sheila and eldest daughter, Eschella, also contributed to the success of the seder through their efforts.

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Thank You for Free Seder Coverage

I want to thank the Jewish Times and its writer Rhonda Hoffman for her beautiful article about our free Passover Seder for youth in the April 15 issue. At the same time, I want to thank all the good people who donated to the free Seder. Without them we couldn't have had the Seder.

Many of the participants, especially from the Soviet Union, this year participated in the first Passover Seder of their lives.

I also want to thank a dedicated worker of the Jewish Identity Center and Holocaust Museum, Fred Feldman, who was the master of ceremonies. Also Chuck Feldman, of the Garden of Earthly Delights, who helped my wife with the Passover food; my son-in-law Stuart Abrams, who dedicated a song to the project; poet Harry Martin Polis; and Kathy Krantz, the pianist.

Again thanks to the Jewish Times for the publicity you gave us all the time which made it possible to have the free Seder. We hope to continue next year.

YAAKOV RIZ

SUPPORT. Your leadership support is essential to the effort to move the center out of the basement and to allow a grass-roots fund-raising campaign to begin. Join the fight against conversion, assimilation, racism, ignorance, frustration, and the disintegration of cultural art forms. Volunteers and contributions are vital. Contact the Jewish Identity Center at 1453 Levick Street, Philadelphia, PA 19149, or call (215) 535-4398.

JIC Seeks Help In Fund-Raising

The Jewish Identity Center, where all programs and films of Jewish content are free, is seeking volunteers to help raise funds to continue the work for the Jewish youth and the community.



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Money Isn't Enough, Rabbi Says

PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y. — Reform Jewish congregations need to be more demanding of their members, says the president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In a sermon at the Community Synagogue in Port Washington, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler said, "The only thing that Reform congregations demand of their members today is that they pay their dues." He lamented that while liberal Jews insist on their right to choose, "all too often, we choose nothing at all or, choosing something, we observe it only haphazardly. We saunter in, we saunter through, we saunter out."

In the typical Reform synagogue during a Sabbath service, he asked, "Will there be more than a corporal's guard of worshipers in attendance? Walk into the typical reform Jewish home on the Sabbath and what do you find there? The candles? Well, yes — maybe. The kiddush [blessing before a Sabbath meal]? Rarely.

"How do we use the Sabbath to sanctify our space and time? And how in heaven's name will the Sabbath preserve us if we do not find even a single way to preserve the Sabbath?"

*Thank you
for sharing your
thoughts.
Leo Kony*

March 16, 1984

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Enclosed in this letter is your statement and you are so right. And as the Talmud teaches us: "Mikol Melamdo Hiskalti." I hope you will agree to our Project how to reach out to the lost Jewish youth who are searching for their Jewish identity. I openly say, that God gave me the vision, opened my eyes to see the Truth and showed me a way what to do. But, he didn't give me the money to go with it. Because for 27 years I'm teaching a Jewish school on \$11,000.00 dollars a year salary, and for this small amount I also upkeep the first in America Jewish Identity and Free Walk In Center and Operation Truth Holocaust Museum in my...basement because I couldn't find till this day a Jewish leader with vision to listen to my Project of Jewish survival.

I appeal to you, first, help us with a donation for our annual Free Passover Seder for lost Jewish youth. See the other side about one of our Seders. Second, Invite me to your Congregation to speak and bring with me two VHS Video tape films about my work. 1) "My Promise To God" About My Center Museum and about my life. It is a half hour documentary film how the first Holocaust Museum in America started. 2) "Israel-America's Key To Survival." Produced by a Christian friend of Israel. Rev. Mike Evans. Founder of The "Lovers Of Israel." It is one of the best films of a Eye Witness in Lebanon. Why Israel "invaded" Lebanon? Can you do this for me? It will be a great help. Maybe some good people will help my Project.

Shalom Ubracha,

Yaakov Riz,

President Operation Truth H.M.

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