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May 22, 1996
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Ms Stanlee J. Stahl
Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, Inc.
~~823~~ United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

Dear Stanlee: AMERICAN JEWISH

Regretfully it will be impossible for me to attend the meeting on June 10th. I had hoped to be able to make it but unfortunately I will have to go to London a day earlier than originally planned in order to attend a meeting which represents a prior obligation.

I hope you will not take my absense as indifference. Quite the contrary, but I have no other choice.

Cordially,

Alexander M. Schindler

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JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS, INC.

May 6, 1996

*Not for Harvey
can't
will be leaving
for large event
don't
change in
plans*

To: Board of Trustees, JFR
From: Stanlee J. Stahl
Re: Minutes of April 9, 1996 Board Meeting
Announcement of June 10, 1996 Board Meeting

Enclosed please find minutes of the April 9, 1996, Board of Trustees meeting. The next meeting is **Monday, June 10, 1996, at noon, in Harvey's office.** An agenda and materials will be mailed prior to the meeting. Please let me know one way or the other if you plan on attending the meeting either in person or via conference call, 212-885-7771. If by conference call, I will need your telephone number.

Please mark your calendar with the following dates.

Schedule of Board Meetings

Tuesday, September 10

Tuesday, November 12 *

(C) * Annual Meeting - approval of budget; election of officers
Meetings are at 12 noon, in Harvey Schulweis' office

New York Dinner - Wednesday, November 20, 1996, The Pierre

A number of trustees have asked for Alice Schoen's home address. It is:

Alice and Steven Schoen
21-36 33rd Road, Apt. #4D
Astoria, NY 11106

The baby's name is Jessica Leigh and was born February 25, 1996.

The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, Inc.

Minutes

April 9, 1996 Board of Trustees Meeting

Chairman Harvey Schulweis called the meeting to order at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 9, 1996. The following trustees were present: Steve Fadem, Paul Goldberger, Roman Kent, Paul Konigsberg, Elaine Merians, Hannah Waldman. Participating in the meeting via conference call were: David Belin, Robert Goldman, E. Robert Goodkind, and Rabbi Harold Schulweis. Also present was the Foundation's Executive Director Stanlee Stahl and a guest, Sherry Goldstein.

Separation Agreement

Harvey Schulweis reported on the status of the Separation Agreement with ADL. He had just come from a meeting earlier in the morning with Peter Willner and the ADL attorney, Jill Meltzer. Harvey distributed a revised Separation Agreement which had been prepared by Ms. Meltzer following their meeting. Harvey believed that most of the concerns raised by the JFR Board have been addressed. He said that he would distribute the revised agreement to the JFR Board and would specifically seek the advice of David Belin and Mark Goldsmith before finalizing the agreement.

Roman Kent moved and Hannah Waldman seconded that following a review by the attorneys, the JFR move to execute the agreement and authorized Harvey Schulweis to sign the Separation Agreement on behalf of the JFR Board. The motion was passed unanimously. Harvey announced that once the Separation Agreement is signed, there will be a joint JFR - ADL press release announcing the separation.

Public Relations

Harvey Schulweis reported that we are working with Rubenstein Associates in developing and launching a public relations campaign. Paul Goldberger, chairman of the Publicity Committee, reported that we have engaged a graphic designer. Paul distributed a letter which will be mailed to the Foundation's mailing list announcing the separation.

Board Recruitment

Harvey Schulweis reported on discussions that he has held with Bob Goldman who has agreed to spearhead the recruitment of new trustees, with an emphasis on creating geographical diversity on the board. In addition to identifying new individuals, efforts will be made to reach out to former trustees. Harvey cited a request by Harvey Sarnier to hold meetings on the west coast and that Harvey would like to see that occur. The following trustees agreed to serve on the Committee on Trustees: Robert Goldman, E. Robert Goodkind, Elaine Merians and Harvey Schulweis.

Rabbi Schulweis indicated that he had several people to recommend from the Los Angeles area and that he would forward the names to Bob Goldman. Once trustees have been identified, they will be

placed in classes. Harvey Schulweis will speak with Mark Goldsmith, Board Secretary, to have classes incorporated into the JFR's by-laws if not already included.

Financial Report

Harvey Schulweis reviewed the financial reports. Several budgets were presented. The first was for the period July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996 which corresponds to the ADL 1996 fiscal year. The second was for the period July 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996, which completes the JFR 1996 fiscal year. At the previous board meeting, it was decided that the JFR fiscal year would be January 1 to December 31. The third report was for fiscal year 1997. Harvey remarked that he found the budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 to be on the conservative side and realistic. He believes that the JFR can expand its fund raising and stressed the need for each trustee to make his/her gift to 1996 campaign as soon as possible. Harvey pointed out that the 1996 budget includes \$225,000 in estimated revenue from the Board.

Harvey Schulweis said that if the estimates for income and expenditures were on target, the JFR would end the fiscal year with approximately \$850,000. Paul Konigsberg reported that these numbers were contingent upon the independent audit being conducted by Peat Marwick of the JFCR/ADL accounts. However, he did not expect these figures to change significantly. Steve Fadem asked for an integrated 18 month budget for the period July 1, 1995 to December 31, 1996.

In reviewing the fiscal year 1997 budget, Roman Kent reported that we may have to increase the cap on the amount of funds which are allocated to support of rescuers. The current cap is \$575,000 which includes both on-going support and one-time grants to rescuers. Harvey mentioned that the Board was not approving the budget for fiscal year 1997 at this time, and there would be opportunity to make revisions to the 1997 budget in the fall.

Space

Harvey Schulweis reported that there are two viable locations. The first is 165 East 56th Street, the American Jewish Committee (AJC) building. While the space is tight, 600 square feet, it is fully useable space. The cost is \$22 a square foot and is all inclusive. In addition the JFR would have access to meeting rooms and other services. The second location is 2 Park Avenue. The JFR's law firm has expanded its space and would be willing to sub-let space to the JFR at rates comparable to those of the AJC. After some discussion, it was decided that the JFR would pursue space with AJC. Bob Goodkind was asked to see if he could obtain a better rate. Hannah Waldman agreed to handle the review of the lease. The Board authorized Harvey Schulweis to proceed with the AJC location and to obtain a lease. Roman Kent said that B'nai Zion may also have space which the JFR could rent and that he would check with them should the AJC space not work out. The move will occur by July 1, 1996.

Staffing

Stanlee Stahl reported that she and Bela Spivak have decided to remain with the JFR. Resignations will be submitted to the ADL effective the date the separation takes place. Stanlee announced that

Alice Schoen had a baby girl, Jessica Leigh, on February 25th. Since Alice was on maternity leave, we did not have a decision as to Alice's status with respect to the JFR.

Fund Raising

Steve Fadem reported that the JFR's fund raising efforts would be focused and tightly managed. The Foundation would continue its Board Campaign, direct mail initiative and annual New York dinner. Steve urged those present, if they have not already done so, to make their gift as soon as possible. The Foundation's direct mail program has been successful and will be continued and expanded.

The dinner is set for Wednesday, November 22, 1996, at The Pierre. Mr. Al Lerner and Mr. Charles Cawley will be our honorees. A dinner chair and tribute book chair need to be identified, hopefully these individuals will be in place by May. A save the date card will be mailed in May. Steve urged those present to become actively involved with the dinner by selling tables and to have individuals participate in the tribute book, which is an excellent fund raising vehicle.

Rabbi Schulweis asked if a decision had been made with respect to which country or rescuer would be honored. As no decisions have been made about the program, he recommended that consideration be given to former German president Von Weisacker. Roman Kent suggested that consideration be given to honoring Polish Ambassador Bartoszewski, the only living leader of Zegota, the Polish underground organization established to help the Jews. Rabbi then suggested there be a high ranking official from the Catholic church. Paul Goldberger said that we needed to maintain a balance between the men who were being honored and the program, we do not want one to over shadow the other.

The Honor a Rescuer program was discussed. A mailing will be sent to rabbis across the country informing them of the separation and asking them to participate in the Honor a Rescuer and Twinning programs. At the February Board meeting, it was decided that the Honor a Rescuer program would no longer be a priority of the JFR.

Steve announced that the JFR would be initiating an industry campaign with initial focus on accounting, investment banking and law. The goal would be to hold, in each area, three to five programs in firms during the course of the year. The events, which would be no more than 90 minutes, would have a speaker and a JFR representative. There would be no solicitation of funds. Harvey Schulweis has also agreed to hold a series of briefings/educational programs in his office. Paul Konigsberg volunteered to head up the accounting area.

Allocation Committee Report

Roman Kent reported that Claims Conference has awarded the JFR a \$100,000 grant to provide on-going support to rescuers on the waiting list as well as those currently receiving monthly assistance. Roman distributed a summary, by country and age, of those on the waiting list. Hannah Waldman moved that the JFR initiate on-going support to all 98 rescuers on the waiting list who are over 70 years of age, effective July 1, 1996. The motion was seconded by Elaine Merians and was passed unanimously. A funding plan is enclosed. Additionally, all 103 rescuers who are between the ages of 65 and 69 will have their file reviewed on an individual basis by the Allocation Committee.

Bob Goodkind asked how far the \$30 monthly award in Poland went. Roman responded not as far as it did in 1991, when the Foundation raised the award from \$20 to \$30 a month. Roman reported that The Ostberg Foundation made a gift of approximately \$50,000 enabling the Foundation to issue a special Easter check of \$40 to 890 rescuers in Poland as well as rescuers in several republics of the former Soviet Union. Roman reminded those present that in lieu of increasing the monthly award to rescuers in Poland, the Foundation has given special grants at Christmas and Easter which have the effect of increasing the overall dollars being received by the rescuers, but not committing the Foundation to a funding level which it may not be able to meet.

Stanlee Stahl reported that the JFR was preparing for its annual review of country stipend levels. This review is done with JDC staff. Pension and cost of living information is obtained by the JDC country directors on behalf of the JFR. There was a concern that the stipend for Slovakia, which is \$75 a month, may be too high. Following the review of country award levels, staff will begin its annual certification of rescuers. All information will be presented to the Allocation Committee.

There was discussion of the JFR making a commitment to increase the number of rescuers being supported and that every consideration be given to increasing the monthly stipend to rescuers in Poland. The addition of more than 100 "Righteous" to those receiving on-going support will be acknowledged in our letter to our donors and other materials.

Education Committee Report

Hannah Waldman reported that Mark Goldsmith was in the process of negotiating a contract with Deborah Dwork's agent. Everything was on track and Hannah did not anticipate any problems in executing the contract. The "Resource for Teachers" would be available for distribution by next December/January. Deborah would be meeting with Hannah and Stanlee in early May to review the project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Harvey announced that the next meeting would Monday, June 10th at noon. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stanlee J. Stahl
Executive Director

Board of Trustees Meeting - April 9, 1996

Action Register

Action

Responsible Individual

Separation Agreement

1. Distribute the revised Separation Agreement to the JFR Board.
2. Seek the advise of David Belin and Mark Goldsmith before finalizing the agreement.

Harvey Schulweis

Harvey Schulweis

Board Recruitment

1. Convene a meeting of the Committee on Trustees.
2. Forward to Harvey Schulweis listing of possible JFR Trustees.
3. Speak with Mark Goldsmith, Board Secretary, to have classes incorporated into the JFR's by-laws if not already included.

Harvey Schulweis

Rabbi Schulweis

Harvey Schulweis

Budget

1. Prepare an integrated 18 month budget.

Stanlee Stahl

Space

1. Contact AJC to see if a more favorable rate can be obtained and inform Harvey Schulweis.
2. Request a lease from AJC.
3. Review lease.
4. Execute lease.

E. Robert Goodkind

Harvey Schulweis

Hannah Waldman

Harvey Schulweis

Allocations

1. Initiate support to those rescuers 70 years of age and older on the JFR waiting list effective July 1, 1996.

Stanlee Stahl

Board of Trustees Meeting - April 9, 1996

Motions

1. **Separation Agreement**

Roman Kent moved and Hannah Waldman seconded that following a review by the attorneys, the JFR move to execute the agreement and authorized Harvey Schulweis to sign the Separation Agreement on behalf of the JFR Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. **Space**

The Board authorized Harvey Schulweis to proceed with the AJCommittee location and to obtain a lease. (There was no motion.)

3. **Allocations**

Hannah Waldman moved that the JFR initiate on-going support to all rescuers on the waiting list who are over 70 years of age, effective July 1, 1996. The motion was seconded by Elaine Merians and was passed unanimously.



Allocation Committee - April 9, 1996

Section I - Request for On-Going Support

Category A-Yad Vashem Recognized/Requesting On-Going Support Application Complete

Name	Age/ Date of Birth	Yad Vashem Number/ Date Recognized	JFCR Number
Belarus			
1. Khurs, Vasily	70/1926	6291/94	BR.19
2. Macukevich, Irina	80/1916	/95	BR.23
3. Mazurkevich, Feodor	94/1902	6036/94	BR.27
4. Milto, Piotr	73/1923	/95	BR.25
5. Slepova, Alexandra	83/1913	/95	BR.26
6. Tichon, Maria	70/1926	5376/95	BR.10
7. Vikhoto, Valentina	74/1922	/95	BR.24
Croatia			
1. Bartulovic, Dragica	78/1918	0185/65	CR.10
2. Bartulovic, Olga	79/1917	0185/65	CR.11
3. Bauer, Brako	75/1921	4653/92	CR. 9
4. Beritic, Tihomil	76/1919	6116-94	CR.16
5. Filipovic, Marian	83/1912	1008/75	CR. 7
6. Guina, Maria	94/1902	6816/95	CR. 8
7. Jurin, Jozica (Sister Cecilija)	84/1912	4209/89	CR.17
8. Rousal, Vera	83/1913	5545/94	CR.14
9. Saracevic, Sead	70/1926	6117/94	CR.15
Germany			
1. Bobatow, Janusz	75/1921	3675/87	G.6
Latvia			
1. Palcevskā (Konachowich) A	70/1926	3908/88	LA. 9
2. Kellere, Maria	94/1902	/95	LA.10
3. Petrova, Efrosinja	74/1922	/95	LA.12
4. Skerskanē, Leokadija	85/1911	/95	LA.11
Lithuania			
1. Budrikiene, Lucy	70/1926	5817/93	LT.44
2. Michailovas, Aleksiejus	95/1901	5333/92	LT.74
3. Steponavicius, Jonas	94/1902	/95	LT.71
4. Visockiene, Janina	76/1920	/95	LT.73

Serbia

1. Dimkic Natalija	76/1920	5775/93	SR.11
2. Jovanovic, Petar	82/1914	5803/93	SR.15
3. Nikolic, Rasa	79/1917	/95	SR.16
4. Pascan, Nadezda	82/1914	6115/94	SR.12
5. Petrovic, Vera	74/1922	5775/93	SR.10
6. Ristic, Risto	70/1926	6190/94	SR. 9
7. Todorovic, Zivojin & Rada	73/1923	/95	SR.17
8. Vasic, Predrag	84/1912	6424/95	SR.14

Slovak Republic

1. Matejik, Ludovik	70/1926	4710/90	SL. 11
2. Pauerova, Maria	70/1926	4609/91	SL. 15
3. Sebova, Olga	75/1921	4903/92	SL. 17
4. Wilhelmova, Margita	76/1919	4993/92	SL. 16

Ukraine

1. Cherchik, (Nakonecni) T	70/1926	5865/93	UK. 87
2. Chornous, Alexander	70/1926	5802/93	UK. 97
3. Ganovskaya, (Bukovski) L	70/1926	/94	UK. 85
4. Gavrilova, Elena	93/1903	/95	UK.158
5. Gladchenko, Alexandra	85/1911	6752/95	UK.153
6. Gortchakov, Anatoli	70/1926	5962f/94	UK.116
7. Kobilnik, Tcheslav	70/1926	5885/93	UK. 82
8. Krivtsyn, Halina	90/1906	6752/95	UK.152
9. Kulynycz, Stefanie	78/1918	/95	UK.163
10. Kyrash,(Netrebenko) A	70/1926	5777/93	UK. 84
11. Loik, Ekaterina	74/1922	6479/95	UK.151
12. Papsueva, Lidia	81/1915	/95	UK.155
13. Savchuk, Lidia	71/1925	/95	UK.157
14. Savchuk, Tatiana (Obihod)	70/1926	/94	UK.121
15. Stegantseva, Galina	74/1922	6622/95	UK.161
16. Sobocheva, Maria	82/1914	6480/95	UK.149
17. Stojkova, Anna	73/1923	5789/93	UK.132
18. Tsipinskaya, Anna	77/1919	6385/95	UK.139
19. Vavrysievicz, Nikolai	70/1926	2507/91	UK. 63
20. Vavrysievicz, Mikhail	72/1924	2507/91	UK.136
21. Volovik, Lyudmila	70/1926	5802b/94	UK. 99
22. Zaritskaya, Klavdia	71/1925	59336/94	UK.150
23. Zatvornitskaya, Anna	73/1923	/94	UK.148

Poland

1. Bakoniwecka Emilia	77/1919	4835/91	P. 996
2. Balul, Franciszek	76/1920	/95	P.1006
3. Blas, Joanna	70/1926	5696/93	P. 891
4. Bulaszewski, Stefan	80/1916	5346/92	P. 971
5. Choma, Weronika	78/1918	/95	P.1018
6. Ciesluk-Jakubowska H.	70/1926	5051/92	P. 784
7. Dobkowski, M.	70/1926	4598/91	P. 788
8. Dziechciarz, Genowefa	74/1922	3909/88	P.1000
9. Ferenc, Katarzyna	76/1920	2340/88	P. 986
10. Gelbhart, Wanda	73/1923	3508/86	P. 987
11. Gniewek, Franciszek	85/1911	6051/94	P. 995
12. Gruczkiewicz, Anna	78/1918	6607/95	P.1001
13. Grzesiak, Tadeuz	84/1912	/95	P.1007
14. Janicka, Michalina	85/1911	6541/95	P. 989
15. Jankowska, Genowefa	70/1926	6572/95	P. 988
16. Jedryczek, Wanda	74/1922	/95	P.1017
17. Kapica, Stanislaw	77/1919	/95	P.1014
18. Kleszcz, Stefania	71/1925	6126/95	P.1004
19. Klewicki, Leszek Jerzy	70/1926	5794/93	P. 825
20. Kosiorowska, Maria	78/1918	6730/95	P.1003
21. Kozaczka, Julian	70/1926	4405/89	P.1008
22. Kozłowska, Olga	71/1925	5188/94	P.1002
23. Krzyzowska, Anna	70/1926	6618/95	P. 990
24. Kulczycka, Katarzyna	81/1915	/95	P.1005
25. Macelewicz, Krystyna	70/1926	4916/91	P. 890
26. Nestorowicz, Stanislaw	81/1915	5866/94	P. 954
27. Nowak, Aniela	85/1911	/95	P.1009
28. Palaniuk, Julia	75/1921	6126/95	P. 993
29. Pater, Zygmunt	70/1926	5562/92	P. 963
30. Pekalski, Franciszek	81/1915	0544/79	P. 992
31. Pudlo (Krol), Alina	70/1926	2192/82	P. 894
32. Romanowski, Stanislaw	70/1926	6460/95	P. 997
33. Szwarocka, Stefania	84/1912	/95	P. 991
34. Spalinska, Aniela	79/1917	/95	P.1011
35. Szemlej, Felicja	86/1910	0572/92	P. 791
36. Wozniok, Gertruda	74/1922	/95	P.1016
37. Zbierkowska, Stanisława	81/1915	6431/95	P. 994
38. Ziobrowski, Eugenius	70/1926	5330/92	P. 750

JFCR/ADL WAITING LIST-APRIL, 1996

**REQUEST for ON-GOING SUPPORT
SUMMARY INFORMATION**

COUNTRY	OVER	OVER	OVER	OVER	UNDER	TOTAL
	90	80	70	65	65	
Belarus	1	2	4	4		11
Croatia	1	3	5	1		10
Germany			1			1
Hungary				1		1
Latvia	1	1	2			4
Lithuania	2	2	2	6	3	13
Moldova				1		1
Poland		11	27	63	11	112
Serbia		3	5			8
Slovakia			4		1	5
Ukraine	2	3	18	27	7	57
Total	7	23	68	103	22	223

April 9, 1996

JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS, INC.

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April 12, 1996

To: Board of Trustees, JFR
From: Stanlee J. Stahl
Re: Board Materials

Enclosed please find the materials which were distributed at the April 9, 1996, Board of Trustees meetings. Minutes of the meeting will be mailed under separate cover. If you have any questions about the materials, please call me at (212) 885-7771.

Please mark your calendar with the following dates.

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Tuesday, September 10 *OC*
Tuesday, November 12 * *OC*

* Annual Meeting - approval of budget; election of officers
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New York Dinner - Wednesday, November 20, 1996, The Pierre *OC*

Enclosures

JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS, INC.

Agenda

Board Meeting - April 9, 1996

- I. Call to Order
- II. Discussion of Separation Agreement
- III. Discussion of Board Recruitment Activities
- IV. Financial Report
- V. Administrative Matters
 - Space - status
 - Staffing
- VI. Fund Raising
 - Dinner/Events
 - External Sources
 - Direct Mail
 - Board Solicitation
- VII. Education
 - Deborah Dwork project
- VIII. Allocation/Distribution Policies
- IX. New Business/Other Matters
- X. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings
- XI. Adjournment



JFCR/ADL
FY 96
July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996
Summary of Income and Expense

INCOME	FY95 ACTUAL	FY96 BUDGET	YTD 4/05/96 ACTUAL
Dinner	159,571.00	1,220.00	1,220.00
Less: Dinner expenses	(86,268.00)	(10,000.00)	(5,000.00)
Dinners/Events (net)	73,303.00	(8,780.00)	(3,780.00)
Board Solicitation	208,456.00	225,000.00	30,350.00
Direct Mail Campaign	115,405.00	110,000.00	110,891.15
Grants		64,000.00	59,124.50
General Donations	75,341.00	75,000.00	107,149.25
Honor a Rescuer (net)	24,478.00	15,000.00	11,097.42
ADL Credits	28,750.00	57,500.00	28,750.00
JDC/Jewish Agency/Claims Conference	100,000.00	200,000.00	
Sale of Materials	1,250.00	525.00	509.75
Miscellaneous	17,531.00		
Interest Income	21,325.00	20,000.00	12,743.56
Total Income	665,839.00	758,245.00	356,835.63
EXPENSES			
Professional salaries	139,544.00	146,000.00	110,000.00
Support salaries	35,131.00	15,253.00	15,252.20
Subtotal	174,675.00	161,253.00	125,252.20
Personnel Welfare	39,472.00	40,300.00	26,489.17
Total Salaries and Benefits	214,147.00	201,553.00	151,741.37
Consultants	315.00	5,000.00	3,430.00
Professional Services		10,000.00	10,000.00
Computer Services	10,103.00	4,000.00	2,730.22
Grants to Rescuers	527,782.00	575,000.00	568,552.75
Education Program	4,837.00	30,000.00	
Projects	6,655.00	18,800.00	10,213.97
Meetings	160.00	750.00	399.00
Travel	3,784.00	8,000.00	2,690.33
Research Materials/Books	507.00	750.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	902.00	1,000.00	357.81
Total Program Expense	555,045.00	653,300.00	598,524.08
Total Salaries & Program	769,192.00	854,853.00	750,265.45
Office Supplies	2,372.00	1,500.00	1,362.65
Furniture & Equipment			
Stationery & Printing			
Telephone			
Postage			
Total Office Services	2,372.00	1,500.00	1,362.65
Total Expenses	771,564.00	856,353.00	751,628.10
Surplus/(Deficit) - 1995	(105,725.00)	(98,108.00)	(394,792.47)
Fund Balance, beginning	974,050.00	868,325.00	868,325.00
Fund Balance, ending	868,325.00	770,217.00	473,532.53

JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR RIGHTEOUS
JULY 1, 1996 - DECEMBER 31, 1996
Summary of Income and Expense

INCOME	FY96 BUDGET
Dinner	650,000.00
Less: Dinner expenses	<u>(150,000.00)</u>
Dinners/Events (net)	500,000.00
Board Solicitation	
Direct Mail Campaign (net)	75,000.00
Grants	25,000.00
General Donations	30,000.00
Honor a Rescuer (net)	10,000.00
JDC/Jewish Agency/Claims Conference	25,000.00
Sale of Materials	100.00
Interest Income	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Income	<u>675,100.00</u>
EXPENSES	
Professional salaries	110,000.00
Support salaries	<u>12,500.00</u>
Subtotal	122,500.00
Fringe Benefits	<u>33,075.00</u>
Total Salaries and Benefits	<u>155,575.00</u>
Grants to Rescuers	287,500.00
Education Program	15,000.00
Special Event/Book Party, Firm Event	3,000.00
Consultants/General	3,000.00
Graphic Designer	10,000.00
Public Relations	20,000.00
Awards/Schulweis	6,500.00
Computer/Hardware & Software	4,000.00
Newsletter/2 issues x \$4,500	9,000.00
Meetings	750.00
Travel	8,000.00
Research Materials/Books/Photographs	1,000.00
Bank Expenses	<u>750.00</u>
Total Program Expense	<u>368,500.00</u>
Total Salaries & Program	<u>524,075.00</u>
Office Supplies	1,500.00
Professional Services/Accounting	5,000.00
Furniture & Equipment	8,250.00
Stationery & Printing	20,000.00
Telephone/Equipment & Monthly Charge	7,200.00
Postage, Shipping & Messenger	9,850.00
Rent/Utilities - 800 sq. ft x \$22	8,800.00
Insurance	2,500.00
Move	3,000.00
Unanticipated Costs	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Operating Overhead	<u>68,100.00</u>
Total Expenses	592,175.00
Surplus/Deficit	82,925.00

Jewish Foundation for the Righteous
Cash Flow Projection
For the Six Months ending December 31, 1996

	July 96	Aug 96	Sept 96	Oct 96	Nov 96	Dec 96	Six Month Total
Beginning cash balance							
JFCR checking account							
JFCR money market account							
JFCR-ADL Foundation account							
Total all accounts	401,520						401,520
	401,520						401,520
Dinner receipts	30,000	30,000	175,000	175,000	180,000	60,000	650,000
Less: Dinner expenses			(12,500)	(12,500)	(100,000)	(25,000)	(150,000)
Net dinner income	30,000	30,000	162,500	162,500	80,000	35,000	500,000
Projected Receipts:							
Dinner - net							
Board Solicitation							
Direct Mail Campaign - net			20,000	20,000	5,000	30,000	75,000
Foundations/Grants						25,000	25,000
General Donations	1,000	16,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	30,000
Honor-a-Rescuer Project - net			3,000		3,000	4,000	10,000
JDC/Jewish Agency						25,000	25,000
Sale of Materials						100	100
Interest Income	1,666	1,666	1,666	1,666	1,666	1,670	10,000
Total receipts	32,666	47,666	190,166	187,166	92,666	124,770	675,100
Projected Cash Disbursements							
Program Services:							
Grants to Rescuers	131,250			131,250		25,000	287,500
Education Program		3500	3,500	8,000		15,000	15,000
Special Event/Book Party/Firm Event			1,500			3,000	3,000
Consultants/General	1000		1,000		1,000		3,000
Graphic Designer	8500		750	750			10,000
Public Relations	3333	3333	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,335	20,000
Awards/Schulweis						6,500	6,500
Computer Services	1,500			1,000		1,500	4,000
Newsletter	4,500					4,500	9,000
Meetings			250		250	250	750
Travel	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	8,000
Research Materials/Books	500			250		250	1,000
Bank Expenses	125	125	125	125	125	125	750
Total Program Service Expense	151,708	7,958	12,458	145,708	5,708	44,960	368,500
Salaries & Wages							
Professional salaries	18,333	18,333	18,333	18,333	18,333	18,335	110,000
Support salaries	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,085	12,500
Fringe Benefits	5,513	5,513	5,513	5,513	5,513	5,510	33,075
Total Salaries & Wages	25,929	25,929	25,929	25,929	25,929	25,930	155,575
Operating Overhead:							
Office Supplies	250	250	250	250	250	250	1,500
Professional Services/Accountant				2500		2500	5000
Furniture & Equipment	5,000	1,250	500	500	500	500	8,250
Stationery & Printing	10,000		5,000			5,000	20,000
Telephone/Equipment & Monthly Charge	3,700	700	700	700	700	700	7,200
Postage, Shipping & Messenger	2,175	1,375	1,375	2,175	1,375	1,375	9,850
Rent/Utilities	1,467	1,467	1,467	1,467	1,467	1,465	8,800
Insurance	1,250			1,250			2,500
Move	3,000						3,000
Unanticipated Costs						2,000	2,000
Total Supporting Service Expense	26,842	5,042	9,292	8,842	4,292	13,790	68,100
Total Expenses	204,479	38,929	47,679	180,479	35,929	84,680	592,175
Excess receipts over (under) disburse	(171,813)	8,737	142,487	6,687	56,737	40,090	82,925

**JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR RIGHTEOUS
JANUARY 1, 1997 - DECEMBER 31, 1997
Summary of Income and Expense**

	FY97
INCOME	BUDGET
Dinner	450,000.00
Less: Dinner expenses	<u>(100,000.00)</u>
Dinners/Events (net)	350,000.00
Board Solicitation	225,000.00
Direct Mail Campaign (net)	150,000.00
Grants	75,000.00
General Donations	91,000.00
Honor a Rescuer (net)	20,000.00
JDC/Jewish Agency/Claims Conference	225,000.00
Sale of Materials	1,000.00
Interest Income	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Income	<u>1,147,000.00</u>
EXPENSES	
Professional salaries	175,000.00
Support salaries	<u>25,000.00</u>
Subtotal	200,000.00
Fringe Benefits	<u>54,000.00</u>
Total Salaries and Benefits	<u>254,000.00</u>
Grants to Rescuers	575,000.00
Education Program	50,000.00
Special Event/Book Party, Firm Event	6,000.00
Consultants/General	3,000.00
Graphic Designer	5,000.00
Public Relations	40,000.00
Awards/Schulweis	7,000.00
Computer/Hardware & Software	4,000.00
Newsletter/3 issues x \$4,500	13,500.00
Meetings	750.00
Travel	20,000.00
Research Materials/Books/Photographs	1,000.00
Bank Expenses	<u>750.00</u>
Total Program Expense	<u>726,000.00</u>
Total Salaries & Program	<u>980,000.00</u>
Office Supplies	1,800.00
Professional Services/Accounting	10,000.00
Furniture & Equipment	1,000.00
Stationery & Printing	20,000.00
Telephone	14,400.00
Postage, Shipping & Messenger	13,200.00
Rent/Utilities - 800 sq. ft. x \$22	17,600.00
Insurance	5,000.00
Unanticipated Costs	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Operating Overhead	<u>83,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,063,000.00</u>
Surplus/Deficit	<u>84,000.00</u>

Dear _____:

Our name has changed. Our mission has not.

For ten years we have been raising funds to support many hundreds of brave Christian rescuers all over the world who saved thousands of Jews during the Holocaust. We have helped give these people, *who are aged and, in many cases, deeply in need*, the lives of dignity they deserve. And we have become an important force in Holocaust education, using the remarkable stories of the rescuers to inspire junior and senior high school students and teachers throughout the country.

We have pursued this mission with the support and help of the Anti-Defamation League, which provided the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers with administrative and program support it needed for the first years of its existence. Without the ADL as our partner, we could not have accomplished what we have in our first ten years. Now, however, with this productive first decade behind us, our Foundation's leadership and the ADL have agreed that our humanitarian programs can be even more effective if we function independently. Our new name - the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous - connotes our new independent status.

Nothing else will change. We will continue to support all of the Righteous Gentiles who we have supported in the past, and hope that we will be in a position to assist an even larger number of them in the coming years. We will continue to conduct our Holocaust education programs, and hope to establish an even larger presence in the growing field of Holocaust education. Our impact in the first decade of our existence, both in the lives of individuals and in the conscience of the community, has been vast. We are committed to making it larger still as we move into our new phase as an independent foundation.

As the Holocaust recedes into history, it is more essential than ever for us to meet the moral obligation we have as Jews, and help the some 1,200 rescuers of our people -- heroic men and women now in the sunset of their lives. And telling their stories to a new generation is more urgent now than it has ever been before.

Your help has been crucial in allowing us to accomplish what we have during our first decade. We look forward to your continued support now, as we continue our mission under our new name.

Sincerely,



TRANSMISSION MEMORANDUM

FAX NO. 407-2165

TO: Harvey Schulweis
FIRM: Schulweis Realty
FROM: Jill Kahn Meltzer
Total Pages Faxed (including cover memo) 6
DATE 4/9/96 TIME 11:30 a.m. p.m.

New language is set off in bold type.

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SEPARATION AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT made this ___ day of _____, 1996 between the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a Washington, D.C. not-for-profit corporation, duly registered to do business in New York ("ADL"), the Anti-Defamation League Foundation, a New York not-for-profit corporation ("ADL Foundation") and the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous ("JFR"), a New York not-for-profit corporation.

WHEREAS, the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers ("JFCR/ADL"), for a number of years has raised substantial sums of money which have been primarily used to support Rescuers who risked their lives to shelter Jews during the time of the Holocaust and which have also been used for educational programs to help foster altruism and courage; and

WHEREAS, prior to this date the JFCR/ADL has been operating with a Board of Directors and Officers who have had the primary responsibility for raising funds for the JFCR/ADL and for directing the operations of the JFCR/ADL; and

WHEREAS, Officers and Representatives of the JFCR/ADL have met with Officers and Representatives of ADL and ADL Foundation and it has been agreed that it is in the mutual interest of all concerned that there be a separation of the JFCR/ADL activities from ADL and ADL Foundation and that the JFR undertake the primary financial responsibility to provide support to Rescuers; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that it would be desirable to have certain assets in the ADL Foundation which have been set aside from the funds raised by the JFCR/ADL for the support of its programs transferred to the JFR and that certain of these assets shall be retained by ADL and ADL Foundation, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The JFR charter and By-Laws shall provide that the primary purpose of the JFR is to provide financial support to needy Rescuers throughout the world who have been certified and documented by Yad Vashem. The JFR shall provide documentation of the incorporation, corporate name, and recognition of JFR's nonprofit tax exempt 501(c)(3) status to ADL and ADL Foundation and shall maintain the corporation's 501(c)(3) status in good standing.
2. JFR shall have all rights to those aspects of the JFCR/ADL program which pertain directly to individualized financial support for the Rescuers. As between the parties to this Agreement, ADL shall retain the sole and exclusive rights to the Courage to Care award and program, and ADL shall continue to engage in Holocaust education programming, including subjects pertaining directly or indirectly to the Rescuers. JFR shall have the right to undertake

educational programs and disseminate educational materials either independently or in concert with ADL or other organizations.

3. ADL and ADL Foundation shall bear the cost of an independent audit of the financial records of the JFCR/ADL program by KPMG Peat Marwick. ADL will undertake to have KPMG Peat Marwick conclude such audit within 90 days of this Agreement. ADL and ADL Foundation shall transfer to JFR the fund balance of the JFCR program held in the ADL Foundation endowment, as determined by the final audit report as of the date this agreement is executed, such transfer to occur within sixty (60) days of the final audit report. ADL and ADL Foundation shall transfer the balance of the separate JFCR/ADL checking account to JFR as soon as possible after the date this Agreement is executed, but shall reserve sufficient balance to honor outstanding previously-issued checks.
4. JFR shall assume and agree to pay and discharge all those liabilities and obligations of JFCR/ADL which are reflected or reserved against in ADL's, the ADL Foundation's and/or JFCR/ADL's balance sheet according to the final audit report. The parties shall mutually seek to agree upon the specific liabilities and obligations which JFR will assume.
5. ADL shall transfer to JFR, as of the date this Agreement is executed, all files and records of the JFCR/ADL program that relate to individualized financial support for the Rescuers, including Rescuer information, financial data, documentation records, donor lists and databases. ADL shall retain copies of this material for its records, which it shall prepare at its own cost and expense. The parties shall share the cost of preparing or obtaining duplicates of all books, films, tapes, photographs and other media presentations which were created or acquired by JFCR/ADL, ADL and ADL Foundation to pay half this cost and expense and JFR to pay half of this cost and expense. ADL shall retain all rights to the physical and tangible property owned by ADL and heretofore used by or in connection with the JFCR/ADL program, except that JFR shall be entitled to all assets set forth on Exhibit A annexed hereto representing (i) assets purchased from the reserves of the JFCR/ADL from donated funds, rather than from funds advanced by ADL, and (ii) all physical assets donated to JFCR/ADL [Subject to ADL review of Exhibit A proposed by JFR]. JFR shall bear the cost and expense of the physical transfer of any assets to JFR.
6. The parties acknowledge that no agreement has been entered into between JFCR/ADL and Professor Deborah Dwork and each is free to retain professor Dwork for the creation of an education "Resource for Teachers," as outlined in Exhibit B or for any other work. JFR agrees that if it retains Professor Dwork for the creation of a "Resource for Teachers," upon completion of the work JFR shall provide to ADL a nonexclusive license for the work at no cost, giving ADL full and complete rights to reproduce and distribute the work.

7. ADL and ADL Foundation agree not to engage in efforts to disburse individualized financial support for the Rescuers, and shall not seek donations, grants, or other contributions for the this purpose. In the event ADL or ADL Foundation receives contributions designated for the support of JFCR/ADL for a period of six months from the date this Agreement is executed, ADL and ADL Foundation agree to transfer such contributions to JFR upon receipt. After six months from the date of execution of this Agreement, in the event ADL or ADL Foundation receives contributions specifically designated for the individualized financial support of Rescuers, such contributions shall be returned to the contributor accompanied by the letter contained in Exhibit C, advising the contributor of the separate existence of JFR.
8. JFR recognizes that the names "Anti-Defamation League," "ADL" and "Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers" are the exclusive property of ADL. As such, JFR agrees that it: (a) shall not use the names "Anti-Defamation League," "ADL" or "Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers" in any way except as permitted in this Agreement; (b) shall not permit JFR to be known or referred to as "Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers/ADL" or "Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers" or to be referred to in any way as affiliated with or sponsored by ADL or ADL Foundation other than in the past tense in order to explain the history and origins of the JFR. ADL recognizes that the name "Jewish Foundation for the Righteous" is the exclusive property of JFR. As such, ADL and ADL Foundation agree that neither shall use the name Jewish Foundation for the Righteous in any way except as permitted in this Agreement, and shall not permit JFCR to be referred to in any way as affiliated with or sponsored by JFR, other than to explain the current location of the rescuer program.
9. JFR shall be permitted to use the JFCR name until June 30, 1996 solely in connection with fundraising.
10. JFR recognizes that during the period of the JFCR/ADL program, certain JFR officers, directors and professional employees dealt with confidential information, inventions, trade secrets, and processes which are ADL's property and are used in the course of its business. JFR will direct its officers, directors and professional employees not to disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any of such confidential matters. Further, ADL and ADL Foundation agree not to merge the JFCR/ADL donor lists with any other ADL donor lists, and agree not to reference a donor's prior contributions to JFCR/ADL in any future solicitation of a donor from the JFCR/ADL donor list. JFR acknowledges that ADL may keep a copy of the JFCR/ADL donor list for its records and may solicit donations for ADL and/or ADL Foundation from among donors on the JRCR/ADL donor list.
11. ADL shall give the current staff of the JFCR/ADL, namely Stanlee Stahl, Alice Schoen and Bela Spivak, the option of remaining on the staff of ADL under the current terms and conditions of their employment.

12. JFR shall not affiliate the JFR program or any similar program with any other organization or institution for a period of three years. After such time, if JFR desires to align the program with another organization, the Board of Directors of JFR shall first offer to ADL the right to affiliate with or sponsor the JFR program.
13. ADL, ADL Foundation and JFR shall issue a joint public statement **upon execution of this Agreement** to announce the establishment of the JFR program and the separation from ADL. The parties shall work cooperatively on such statement to present the new arrangement in the most positive and productive manner possible.
14. In the event that JFR is dissolved at any time within three years from the date this Agreement is executed, all financial assets of JFR (after payment of all outstanding debts and liabilities) shall be transferred to ADL. ADL agrees that in the event of such transfer, these funds shall be used solely for Holocaust-related programming. **In the event that JFR is dissolved at any time after three years from the date this Agreement is executed, the JFR Board of Directors agrees to transfer all financial assets of JFR to one or more organizations engaged in Holocaust-related programs. Further, in that event, in recognition of the initial sponsorship, development and implementation of the JFCR/ADL program by ADL and ADL Foundation, JFR agrees to give ADL full and fair consideration as an organization which would receive the assets of JFR.**
15. Each party has taken or will take all corporate action necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, including Board of Directors' approval and the Corporate Secretary's certification of the Board's resolutions. This Agreement, when executed and delivered by the parties, shall constitute valid and binding obligations of ADL, the ADL Foundation and JFR, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
16. JFR hereby agrees to hold harmless, defend and indemnify ADL, ADL Foundation and their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives from and against all damages, expenses, causes of action, suits, claims, penalties, judgments and/or liabilities by reason of any act or commission or omission directly or indirectly attributable to any of JFR's undertakings and obligations arising under this Agreement. ADL and ADL Foundation hereby agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify JFR and their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives from and against all damages, expenses, causes of action, suits, claims, penalties, judgments and/or liabilities by reason of any act or commission or omission directly or indirectly attributable to any of ADL's undertakings and obligations arising under this Agreement.

17. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the parties and shall supersede any prior agreements, whether oral or written. This Agreement shall not be modified or amended except by a written agreement signed by all parties.
18. No waiver of any breach or default hereunder shall be considered valid unless in writing and signed by the party giving such waiver, and no such waiver shall be deemed a waiver of any other or subsequent breach or default.
19. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns, however JFR may not transfer or assign any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the express written consent of ADL and ADL Foundation as provided herein.
20. This Agreement, all amendments hereof and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first written above.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED:

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE
OF B'NAI B'RITH

By: _____

Title: _____

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE FOUNDATION

By: _____

Title: _____

JEWISH FUND FOR THE RIGHTEOUS

By: _____

Title: _____

JFCR/ADL WAITING LIST-APRIL, 1996

REQUEST for ON-GOING SUPPORT

SUMMARY INFORMATION

COUNTRY	OVER	OVER	OVER	OVER	UNDER	TOTAL
	90	80	70	65	65	
Belarus	1	2	4	4		11
Croatia	1	3	5	1		10
Germany			1			1
Hungary				1		1
Latvia	1	1	2			4
Lithuania	2		2	6	3	13
Moldova				1		1
Poland		11	26	63	11	111
Serbia		3	4			7
Slovakia			4		1	5
Ukraine	2	3	18	27	7	57
Total	7	23	66	103	22	221

April 8, 1996

Handwritten signature/initials

March 4, 1996
13 Adar 5756

Harvey Schulweis
9 West 57th Street
50th Floor
New York, NY 10019-2701

Dear Harvey:

It was good to have an update on your meetings with ADL and I am pleased that the critical work of the former JFCR will continue, albeit under a new name.

It will be my pleasure to join you as a founding Board Member of The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous.

With every good wish and warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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HARVEY SCHULWEIS
PRESIDENT

February 28, 1996

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

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am pleased to report that we have reached an understanding with ADL that will result in our organization being able to continue its educational and rescuer-support activities as an independent entity. The agreement with the ADL requires, among other matters, for us to adopt a new name which will be The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR). We are carefully implementing the transition which we hope to conclude by June 30, 1996, if not sooner. The most important administrative matters to which we must turn our attention at this time are the formation of a Board of Trustees and the election of officers.

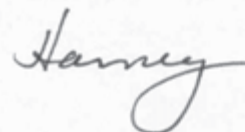
I would like you to join me as a founding member of the Board of Trustees of The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. This is an exciting and challenging time for our organization. Its ability to continue to achieve its goals will depend on the commitments and energies of active and involved Board members. The commitments we vitally need are to participate in our various committees and activities and to financially support our mission.

One consequence of the transition is the necessity to postpone our Spring dinner to the Fall. Although we are confident of a successful dinner, the delay will cause a serious invasion of our rather limited reserves. In order to bridge the shortfall, I am asking all of our Trustees to join me in making their 1996 annual contribution at this time. Since we have obtained our own 501(c)(3) Federal tax exemption, contributions may be made payable to the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. We will, of course, make appropriate financial accommodations at the time of the dinner to those who make their commitment at this time.

I am also pleased to inform you that we will continue to have the services of Stanlee Stahl available to us as the Executive Director of the JFR. We are all deeply indebted to Stanlee for her able administrative leadership of the JFCR/ADL, which has enabled it to grow and prosper over the past several years.

We are all excited and working very hard to assure that the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous will fulfill its mission. I know I can count on your continued moral, physical, and financial support. I will be calling you within the next several weeks to discuss this with you.

Sincerely,



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January 3, 1996
11 Tevet 5756

David Blewett
Executive Director
National Christian Leadership
Conference for Israel
134 East 39th Street
New York, NY 10016

Dear Mr. Blewett:

I write to extend my congratulations to you on your appointment as Executive Director of the N.C.L.C.I.. May you have success in your endeavors and it is my fond hope that your new responsibilities will bring you much satisfaction and professional fulfillment.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel (NCLCI) announces the appointment of David Blewett as its Executive Director. He succeeds Sister Rose Thering who recently retired but will remain active with the NCLCI as one of its Vice Presidents.

NCLCI is a broad based ecumenical coalition of American clergy and laity whose purpose is to deepen Christian understanding of Israel -- People, Land and State. Since 1978, NCLCI has consistently stood by the democratically elected governments of Israel seeking to expand understanding and support for the Jewish State in the Churches and Congress of the United States.

Mr. Blewett brings to the job an extensive background in Christian-Jewish relations, specifically in the area of dialogue. For many years he was a community consultant in Christian-Jewish relations and also the Field Director for Interfaith Resources of Anoka, Minnesota. With his parents, Robert and Lois Blewett, he developed the Interfaith Circles dialogue material and disseminated it throughout the United States. He has worked with local pastors and rabbis to develop dialogue groups in their congregations as well as with national church leaders to help them implement their church statements on relations with the Jewish community.

His commitment to the State of Israel began in high school and has grown consistently since. Today, he is a seasoned advocate for Israel in national and state legislatures, church headquarters and local congregations, as well as in schools and community civic organizations.

David Blewett is a graduate of Biola University, in Southern California, and of Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He has also studied at Talbot Theological Seminary, in Southern California, and at Seton Hall University, in New Jersey.

Sister Rose Thering, one of the founding trustees of National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel in 1978, has served as its Executive Director for the past six years. She has been and continues to be, one



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of the most eloquent Christian voices for the people, land and State of Israel. "NCLCI has benefitted immeasurably from her years of dedicated leadership and will continue to enjoy her involvement as she remains active as one of the Vice Presidents," Mr. Blewett said.

Acknowledging the work done by his predecessors, Rev. Isaac Rottenberg and Sister Rose Thering, Mr. Blewett has stated his desire to spread NCLCI's message more widely within the Protestant churches, to see Israel become a more focused topic in the Christian-Jewish dialogue and to encourage more Christians to visit Israel.

David Blewett fully supports the many statements that NCLCI has issued. Statements that include calls on the UN to rescind its defamation of Zionism -- the first organization to do so -- support for U.S. aid and loan guarantees for Israel, and recognition of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of the State of Israel.

Mr. Blewett is originally from Minnesota and now resides in Maplewood, New Jersey.

The national headquarters of the NCLCI is located at 134 East 39th Street, New York, NY 10016.

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MEMORANDUM

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October 2, 1995

Via Fax: one page

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

TO: Paula V. Edelstein

COPY: Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch,
Mr. Philip Meltzer, Rabbi Eric Yoffie

To the best of my knowledge, no firm decisions were made regarding the cutting of \$2 million dollars from the allocations budget from the September meeting. I received full reports, made subsequent inquiries from people who attended the meeting, and there was only a general, not a specific discussion concerning this matter.

Be that as it may, Dick and I discussed this when he was here, and I asked him to set up a series of meetings with Lipoff, Cardin and Abe Gafni and perhaps one or two others while I am in Jerusalem. Even though I don't customarily come to the October sessions before our Biennial, I will do so this time and for the express purpose of helping to protect these grants.

Nonetheless, it would be important for others to speak to these people too. As I recall it, we do have a resolution from the Jewish Agency Assembly (last July's meeting) which reaffirms the desire of its delegates to maintain these allocations at least at the present level. That should be of some help.

Be that as it may, I hope that Ammi and Phil Meltzer and perhaps Fred and Eric meet with these people here - the more the merrier and if it can be done jointly with the Conservatives, all the better. Eric and I will be meeting with Martin Kraar and Brian Lurie and of course we will try to enlist their support. Alan Ades, of the Conservative movement, will be joining us at this session too.

We reciprocate your good wishes for a G'mar Tov.



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TO: Prof. Alfred Gottschalk
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FROM: Paula V. Edelstein

DATE: September 29, 1995

Re: Jewish Agency Stream Allocations

Message:

I am very concerned over persistent reports that the Jewish Agency Executive decided during its September meeting to cut \$2 million from the allocation budget. The allocation budget for 1995 was \$4.9 million which was distributed to 152 different projects plus another \$1.113,000 for what is called standing allocations to institutions. These are grants left over from the days of the constructive funds and are unlikely to be pared down much because of political party pressure. On the other hand, Burg is unlikely to be willing to substantially cut the creative and innovative projects. This leaves the stream grants as targets for cuts. A \$2 million cut in a total budget of \$6.033 million could be very serious for us.

We should probably be teaming up with the Conservative representatives and speaking with Shoshana Cardin, Norman Lipoff, Judge Abe Gafni who is chairman of the committee and others of the UIA to make sure that the streams do not fall victims to large cuts. It is too soon to claim that now that we receive some government funding JAFI can reduce support for the Reform and Conservative projects. This lobbying must be done before the Board of Governors meetings at the end of October.

Best wishes for a Shana tova and G'mar Chatimah Tova.

Paula
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cc. Rabbi R. Hirsch

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October 12, 1995
18 Tishri 5756

Via Fax: 212-682-9812

Ms Brenda Carpenter
Editor
AmFAR Newsletter
733 Third Avenue
New York NY 10017

Dear Brenda:

Below are some sentences intended for your publication. I made it somewhat longer than you desire but only to give you an opportunity to cut what you deem superfluous and to include what you deem essential. Feel free to do so, just let me see a copy of the final statement before it goes to print. Here goes:

"AIDS is a most fearsome malady afflicting our world: an entire generation of young people going to waste . . . their abilities and their possibilities, what they were and what they might have been . . . all going, gone. It is a calamity . . . a disaster . . . a terrible defeat for civilization and for life.

"The effort to help those who are afflicted with AIDS is seriously threatened by the current assault on the safety net undergirding our society. I refer now particularly to the proposed cuts in Medicare and especially to the virtual dismantling of Medicaid on which so many those afflicted with AIDS depend to keep them alive. This surely is the most important issue facing us right now . . . of course, no social programs are sacred: no economic program is. But they fill human needs and human beings are sacred."

Ms Brenda Carpenter
October 12, 1995
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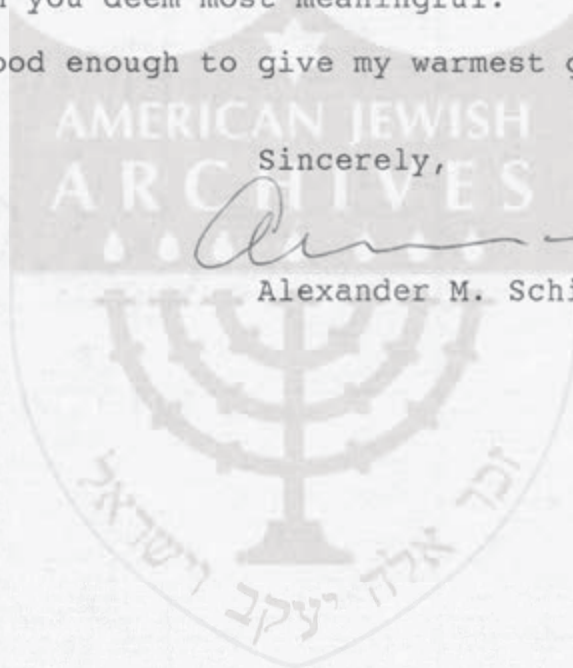
Again, please do with all this what you want. Cut and paste as you desire. Even emend. I want to help in a way in which you deem most meaningful.

Please be good enough to give my warmest good wishes to Dr. Krim

Sincerely,



Alexander M. Schindler





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October 5, 1995

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
President
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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

The American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) is planning a Special Edition of its quarterly *Newsletter* in recognition of World AIDS Day. In addition to being distributed to a donor base of 150,000 people in the U.S., this Special Edition of the *Newsletter* will be available at AmFAR's World AIDS Day luncheon at the U.N. on December 1.

The theme for World AIDS Day 1995 is *Shared Rights, Shared Responsibilities*. As one of AmFAR's most outspoken supporters, we would be honored to have a statement from you for publication in this Special Edition. What do you feel are the most important issues facing us, right now, in regard to AIDS and the community?

In order for us to meet our publication deadline, we would need to receive your statement no later than October 20, 1995, and thank you in advance for your participation.

Very truly yours,

Sally Cox Morrison, V.P.
External Affairs and Development

*Rabbi Schindler —
Please call if you
have any questions.
Brenda Carpenter, Editor
(212) 682-7440, ext. 116*

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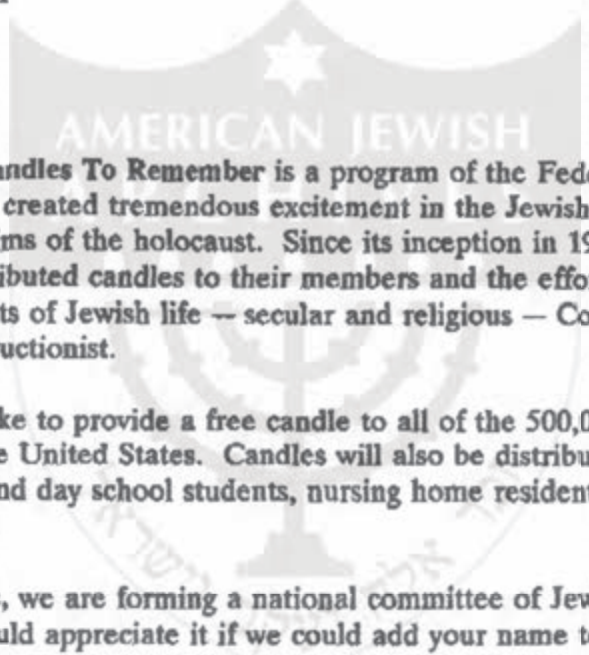
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August 25, 1995

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
President
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*Tell wife OK*

Dear Alex:

Six Million Yellow Candles To Remember is a program of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs that has created tremendous excitement in the Jewish community as a way to remember the victims of the holocaust. Since its inception in 1981, hundreds of synagogues have distributed candles to their members and the efforts have been highly praised by all segments of Jewish life — secular and religious — Conservative, Orthodox, Reform and Reconstructionist.

This year we would like to provide a free candle to all of the 500,000 Jewish college students in the United States. Candles will also be distributed to military personnel, religious and day school students, nursing home residents, hospital patients and unaffiliated Jews.

To make this possible, we are forming a national committee of Jewish leaders from all walks of life. We would appreciate it if we could add your name to that list.

Also, any assistance that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations can provide in calling attention to this program is deeply appreciated. NFTB is a participant.

*Anytime you need me
CALL - LUV*

Best personal regards,



Gunther Lawrence
Special Consultant

P.S. We will add your name to the list in the hopes your reply will be in the affirmative.

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June 7, 1995
9 Sivan 5755

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Alan Tichnor and Sarrae Crane
United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
155 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10010

Dear Alan and Sarrae:

You may use the following comment for your brochure. If you require any changes in the text, please double check with me before going to print:

"The projected Educational and Youth Center in Jerusalem is an imaginative and entirely worthy endeavor which merits full support. It will make a forceful statement concerning the validity of non-Orthodox Judaism in the modern Jewish State."

I trust this will meet your needs. All the best!

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Pesach Schindler

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May 10, 1995
10 Iyar 5755

Rabbi Pesach Schindler
The Center for Conservative Judaism
P.O. Box 7456
Jerusalem, Israel 94265

Dear Pesach:

It was good hearing from you and I hope all is well with you and the family. Rhea and I will be coming to Israel for the Agency meetings in June, until that time I am running about the country with a still frenetic schedule, but thank God I'm feeling well.

While it won't be among my "last official duties," for retirement won't be official until July 1, 1996, I will be happy to make a statement in behalf of the planned Educational and Youth Center. I await the material from Sarrae Crane and will send something off to you at the earliest.

With warm regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 8, 1995

TO: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

FROM: Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch

Ammi

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I just returned from out of town, and am hence responding to your memo of May 3 as soon as possible.

I think it would be wise for you to send a statement to the Masorti Movement regarding their Educational and Youth Center. Their challenges are our challenges, and their success is ours.

As you are aware, the Masorti Movement has expressed full support for our own Operation Equality. Your statement can only be beneficial to ARZA and the wider cause of the promotion of non-Orthodox Judaism in Israel.

AH:rp

① Ellis -
once Crane's
material comes in
please drop statement
supporting them

② In the meantime will
persade that we will
+ are waiting for
Crane's material.

May 3, 1995
3 Iyar 5755

From: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

To: Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch

Before I write to Pesach Schindler in re the enclosed,
please let me have your thoughts. What do you think of my
sending a statement - helpful or harmful to ARZA?

Please respond as soon as possible.



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24 April 1995

24 Nisan 5755

Rabbi Alexander Schindler

President, Union of American Hebrew Congregations

838 5th Avenue

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USA

Dear Alex,

A rare opportunity to discuss some business, in which I am very much involved. You may be aware of the fact that the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism is presently beginning a major campaign to build an Educational and Youth Center, on 6 Agron, next to our present campus in the heart of Jerusalem. It is a \$7,000,000 project.

Mr. Alan Tichnor, the National Campaign Chairman for the program (who knows you from Massachusetts) is contacting a number of prominent international Jewish leaders, not necessarily identified with the Conservative Movement, in order to provide a brief statement, which reflects the importance of this project.

Our office in New York, via Ms. Sarrae Crane, will be sending you a portfolio which describes the project in full.

I do hope that among the last official duties in your distinguished presidency, you will provide us with such a statement, which will be listed among many others, not excluding the Mayor of Jerusalem, Elie Weisel, etc.

Hoping that everything is well with you and Rhea and the children and looking forward to seeing you more often in Jerusalem,

I am yours cordially,



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Dear Alex,

Thank you kindly for agreeing to provide a statement
for a brochure which the United Synagogue is preparing for
the new Educational and Youth Center in the heart of
Jerusalem.

I am sure that our office in New York will be sharing
with you relevant material imminently.

Shulamit and I look forward to seeing you and Rhea
when you are here in June. Perhaps we could spend some
quality time.

With best wishes to the family, I am yours cordially,

RS

c.c. Alan Tichnor, fax #617-9691934
Sarraf Crane

The projected Educational & Youth Center in Jerusalem is
an entirely worthy project. It's
presence in Israel is well made
a free statement affirming the
validity of now-orthodox religious
Judaism in Israel. It will
doubtless strengthen the
cause which unites
conservative & liberal
Jews in the State

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May 30, 1995
1 Sivan 5755

Dr. Garbis Der Yeghiayan
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Armenian Genocide Memorial Museum
P O. Box 40313
Pasadena, CA 91114

Dear Dr. Der Yeghiayan:

It was an honor to be invited to serve as an Honorary Board member of the Armenian Genocide Memorial Museum. I am pleased to accept this designation, even as I am delighted that plans for this special Memorial Museum are moving forward. This is an important undertaking and a splendid manner in which to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
838 Fifth Ave.
New York, NY 10012

May 24, 1995

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

On April 24, 1995 Armenians in America and throughout the world solemnly commemorated the 80th anniversary of the first genocide of the 20th century when 1.5 million Armenians perished in Ottoman Turkey. The Armenian Genocide represents an extreme example of man's inhumanity toward his fellow men which has since become a cyclical occurrence claiming millions of lives in the Jewish Holocaust, and the massacres in the Sudan, Rwanda, Iraq and Bosnia.

The remembrance of these tragic events is not only an act of reverence, but also a means to heighten social consciousness among new generations in order to prevent their reoccurrence. Only through remembrance and education can we disprove Adolph Hitler's assertion when planning the Jewish Holocaust:

**"Who remembers today
the extermination of
the Armenians."**

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We believe that the 80th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide is a fitting time to initiate the establishment of a memorial museum that would perpetuate the remembrance of the victims and serve as a center of scholarship about the phenomenon of genocide in contemporary history. This would constitute a most appropriate response to the genocidal past by the 400,000 Armenian-Americans of California, who include many survivors, their children and grand children. The museum will be a non-profit institution, without any political agenda and dedicated to the twin goals of remembrance and education.

In view of your distinguished leadership role in America, we would like to invite you to **become an Honorary Board Member of the Armenian Genocide Memorial Museum of America -- the first such institution to be established in the USA.** An affirmative response on your part will be deeply appreciated by all Armenian-Americans.

We sincerely hope that you will find it possible to accept our invitation to become an Honorary Board Member of the Armenian Genocide Memorial Museum. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Garbis Der Yeghiayan

Dr. Garbis Der Yeghiayan
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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ARMENIAN GENOCIDE MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF AMERICA

*A Memorial Museum Dedicated to the Victims of the
Armenian Genocide*

There can be no better way to preserve the sorrowful memory of the 1.5 million Armenians who perished in Ottoman Turkey during World War I, than to establish a memorial museum in Southern California -- at the heart of the largest Armenian community in the diaspora. This memorial museum will enshrine for posterity the artifacts, documents and memorabilia of the martyrs in a living monument, as testimony to the unbroken will of the Armenian people to survive and prosper in a free society.

As an institution dedicated to the remembrance of the first genocide of the 20th century, the significance of the museum transcends the Armenian community, because it symbolizes the preservation of the memory of the victims of all genocides, as the best means to prevent the occurrence of future genocides the world over. Hence the principal aims of the museum are remembrance and education -- to remember the tragic past in order to educate future generations to build a humane future.

The Armenian Genocide Memorial Museum shall house under one roof five institutional units.



Memorial Museum

The central unit will be a memorial museum that would display various artifacts, heirlooms, photographs, paintings, khachkars, coins, garments, utensils and memorabilia pertaining to the Genocide and its era. It will depict displays of the daily life of victimized Armenian communities -- churches, libraries, schools, cultural centers, businesses and living quarters.

Library

The library shall house an extensive collection of books, documents, maps, oral histories and testimonials on the Armenian Genocide. The book collection will include books authored by the victims of the Genocide as well as those written by survivors and scholars.

Audio-Visual Center

An Audio-Visual center will bring together films, movies, TV documentaries and musical works depicting the historical background and the tragic circumstances of the genocidal process.

Conference Center

A conference center will provide the setting for symposia, lectures and seminars devoted to the study and commemoration of the Genocide.

Memorial Wall & Garden

A memorial wall bearing the names and birthplaces of the victims will honor their memory and stand as an unforgettable monument for future generations. The memorial wall will be situated in a small garden with khachkars and water fountains symbolizing the determination of the Armenian people to build a peaceful future upon the tragic legacy of the Genocide.

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May 24, 1995
24 Iyar 5755

Marlene Provizer
Executive Director

Rabbi Benjamin Kahn
Board of Directors

Jewish Fund for Justice
260 Fifth Avenue
Suite 701
New York, NY 10001

Dear Marlene and Ben:

The June 20 meeting of the JFJ should be very important and interesting and I hope it goes well. Alas, it will not be possible for me to attend as I will already be in Israel for a number of meetings including the Jewish Agency sessions.

I hope you will forgive my absence and not construe it as disinterest on my part.

With best wishes and warm regards to you both for a lovely Shavuot as well as a rewarding and restful summer, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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 tell them*

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Handwritten signature/initials

We hope you received the "hold-the-date" card inviting you to the first meeting of the Jewish Fund for Justice Rabbinic Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in room 2925 of the Empire State Building, at 34th Street and Fifth Avenue. A kosher lunch will be served.

We are writing now to provide you with more details about the meeting and to encourage your participation. To help achieve our shared goal of spreading JFJ's message in the synagogue world, we have planned what promises to be an engaging and lively agenda, with ample time for an exchange of ideas.

To introduce you to successful models of synagogue-community partnerships, the agenda will include presentations by leaders of several JFJ-supported social justice partnerships involving synagogues, including Rabbi Israel Stein of Congregation Rodeph Shalom, a long-time activist in Greater Bridgeport Interfaith Action. The meeting also will provide an opportunity for participants to briefly describe their congregations' current social action projects and goals for the future, and to share their ideas about ways in which JFJ can more effectively spread our message within congregations.

Previously we have shared with you JFJ educational materials that link Jewish observance with contemporary social justice issues, including *The Second Night of Chanukah*, a candlelighting ceremony and educational program for families and Hebrew-school classes; *Purim, Women and Poverty*, a study-and-action program directed primarily to Jewish women's groups; a *Pesach afikomen bag* and accompanying reading; a special Seder reading by Rabbi Jack Moline; a *pushke* and accompanying reading; and a flyer on our **Youth Endowment Fund** program. **We urge you to come to the meeting prepared to share feedback on these programs.** (If you need additional copies of any material, please contact Janet Leuchter.)

Please contact Janet by June 12 to let us know whether you plan to attend. If you can't attend, we would welcome your ideas, which you can share with us by telephone, letter or on-line (our E-mail address is JusticeUSA@AOL.com.) We look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Benjamin Kahn

Rabbi Benjamin Kahn
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Marlene Provizer
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May 23, 1995
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Gary E. Rubin
Executive Director
Americans for Peace Now
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Dear Mr. Rubin:

I have just returned from the UAHC Board meeting in Philadelphia and had an opportunity to review the letter of May 8 expressing the position of Americans for Peace Now on the Dole Bill.

I appreciate your having shared the letter and press release with me and want you to know that they certainly express my own sentiments. Many thanks for bringing all of this data to my attention.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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May 15, 1995

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Since the position of Americans for Peace Now on the Dole Bill, which seeks to begin construction on a U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem next year, has generated much attention and comment, I want you to see the enclosed texts of our actual statements.

APN opposes the Dole Bill because we believe it threatens grave harm to the peace process and therefore to Israel's interests. We believe the U.S. Embassy should be moved to Jerusalem as part of the implementation of a final status agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.

I would appreciate hearing your reactions to this material.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Rubin
Executive Director

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AMS out of town.
Will get back to Mr.
Rubin on his return*

*Call him back
these are
my sentiments*



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May 8, 1995

Dear Senator:

Americans for Peace Now, an American Zionist group which supports the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as it seeks a secure and lasting peace in the Middle East, strongly supports the Prime Minister's formulation that Jerusalem must be an undivided city and the capital of the State of Israel. We believe it would be counterproductive to the effective realization of these goals for Congress to take any legislative action on the question of moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem at this delicate stage of the peace process. The time to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem is upon completion of the peace negotiations. We urge that you oppose Senator Dole's initiative regarding moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem.

As you consider your position on this question, we ask that you bear in mind the consequences of such an act on Israel's interests and on the Middle East Peace Process.

The United States government should uphold this agreement by doing nothing to undermine or pre-empt these negotiations. Such an action will compromise the trust and confidence of the negotiating parties that the United States will honor and spirit of the Declaration of Principles and therefore be able to engage all parties. In fact, actions which accelerate the timetable for the parties to consider the final status of Jerusalem undermine the fragile unity that exists today in the city. Further, a negative reaction to legislation setting a precipitous timetable for moving the U.S. Embassy could well disrupt the peace process, thus harming Israel's security and strategic interests.

As the peace process moves forward, Jerusalem will be taken up in final status talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. When these negotiations are completed, it will be appropriate and desirable to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Gunther
Co-President

Linda Heller Kamm
Co-President

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May 8, 1995

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APN CALLS ON CONGRESS TO DELAY ACTION ON FUTURE EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM

Questions motives of those raising the issue now

WASHINGTON - Americans for Peace Now (APN) today called on Congress to delay any legislative action on the question of moving the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

In a letter to all 100 U.S. senators, APN co-presidents Richard Gunther and Linda Heller Kamm asked that legislators "bear in mind the consequences of such an act on Israel's interests and on the Middle East peace process...at this delicate stage in the process."

The U.S., as nearly every other nation in the world, has always maintained its embassy in Tel Aviv. Recently, 93 senators signed a letter calling for the embassy to be moved to Jerusalem as a part of final negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians on the status of the once-divided city -- negotiations not scheduled to begin until 1996.

Since then, several senators, including Majority Leader Bob Dole, have attempted to accelerate the move. Dole plans to introduce legislation this week calling for almost immediate construction of a Jerusalem embassy, to then be occupied, without delay, in May, 1999, the target date for conclusion of the final status talks.

APN specifically urged opposition to Dole's initiative and attacked those who support it and others like it most.

"There should be no doubt about the motives of groups that seek to raise the issue of Jerusalem during the complex negotiations between the Israeli government and the Palestinians," said Gary E. Rubin, Executive Director of APN. "They are seeking to undermine the negotiations. Their ploy is to exploit the popular issue of Jerusalem to achieve the unpopular goal of destroying the peace talks," he said.

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Americans for Peace Now, an American Zionist group which supports the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as it seeks a secure and lasting peace in the Middle East, strongly supports the Prime Minister's formulation that Jerusalem must be an undivided city and the capital of the State of Israel.

"We believe it would be counterproductive to the effective realization of these goals," Gunther and Kamm write in their letter to senators, "for Congress to take any legislative action on the question of moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem at this delicate stage of the peace process."

To do otherwise, "will compromise the trust and confidence of the negotiating parties that the United States will honor the spirit of the Declaration of Principles and therefore be able to engage all parties," the letter continues. "In fact, actions which accelerate the timetable for the parties to consider the final status of Jerusalem undermine the fragile unity that exists today in the city. Further, a negative reaction to legislation setting a precipitous timetable for moving the U.S. embassy could well disrupt the peace process, thus harming Israel's security and strategic interests, says the letter.

"The framers of the DOP wisely left the critical issue of Jerusalem for the last stage of negotiations," Rubin said. "Maintaining this schedule is the surest way to achieve peace with security for Israel."

APN does support a move of the embassy at the appropriate time. "As the peace process moves forward, Jerusalem will be taken up in final status talks..." the letter reads. "When these negotiations are completed, it will be appropriate and desirable to move the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem."

Rubin agrees. "There is no debate that the American embassy should be in Jerusalem, the capital of Israel," Rubin said. "The critical issue is when to move it and with what consequences for the peace process. Moving the embassy now could undermine the negotiations and prevent the realization of a truly united and peaceful Jerusalem; moving the embassy as part of the implementation of a final agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, by contrast, would express a vital United States interest in a lasting peace," he said.

Rubin also took a swipe at some politicians bringing up the issue now. "As the political season begins to heat up, candidates will not be well served by pandering to the Jewish community in ways that disrupt the peace process," he said. "Polls clearly show that the overwhelming majority of American Jews support peace with security for Israel. The most advantageous strategy for approaching American Jews is through policies that advance Israeli interests," Rubin advises. "This means foremost backing the Rabin government in its courageous quest for peace."

For more information, call Aviva Steinberg 202-547-3577.

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*V. Telephoned
Joe Simon 8/11*

May 8, 1995

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
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New York, New York 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Thank you for your support last December of the "Commitment on HIV/AIDS by People of Faith" which reminds us of our ongoing duty to speak out on AIDS issues that relate to people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

You may know that the Ryan White CARE Act will soon come up before the Senate for its second, five year reauthorization. The AIDS National Interfaith Network, in cooperation with the NORA Coalition (National Organizations Responding to AIDS), is translating a portion of "The Council Call" in to an op-ed sign-on statement to be placed in several newspapers across the United States.

We would very much like to have your support again by signing-on to the enclosed statement. Your colleagues, the other national religious leaders who supported "the Call" either in person or through their designated representatives at the United Nations on World AIDS Day, are being asked as well.

The Senate has a very long list of legislation to be considered. While we have every indication that we will have a favorable outcome in this matter, we need to use methods like this op-ed piece to ensure the Ryan White CARE act comes to a vote soon.

Your phone call to the ANIN office by **Friday the 19th of this month** is all that is needed to ensure that your support for the Ryan White CARE Act is documented. I would be happy to answer any specific questions you may have about the Act or this process. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kenneth T. South", written over a horizontal line.

Rev. Kenneth T. South
Executive Director

As representatives of some of the largest organized faith communities in the United States, we whole heartedly support the approval and full funding of the Ryan White Care Act.

The faith community in America has been an active partner in the care of people with AIDS since the very beginning of this epidemic. AIDS ministries and faith-community social service agencies have provided housing, meals, pastoral care, home care and transportation, among other services. However, like all other groups among the nonprofit, volunteer sector of American life, our communities cannot provide for all the myriad needs of people with AIDS and their loved ones without assistance. Particularly in this epidemic, such assistance from the federal government is both proper and essential.

On World AIDS Day, December 1, 1994, in ceremonies at the United Nations, we endorsed "A Commitment on HIV/AIDS by People of Faith...The Council Call," which, in part, stated:

AIDS is an affliction of the whole human family, a condition in which we all participate. It is a scandal that many people suffer and grieve in secret...We must assure that all who are affected by the pandemic, regardless of religion, race, class, age, nationality, physical ability, gender or sexual orientation will have access to compassionate, non-judgmental care, respect, support and assistance. We are committed to transform public attitudes and policies, supporting the enforcement of all local and federal laws to protect the civil liberties of all persons with AIDS and other disabilities. We further commit to speak publicly about AIDS prevention and compassion for all people.

The majority of services for Americans with AIDS are provided with support from the Ryan White CARE Act, an excellent example of federal/local partnership that works. We urge its reauthorization, for the benefit of our brothers and sisters infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS, for the benefit of the human family that is America.

April 19, 1995
19 Nisan 5755

Richard Siegel
National Foundation for Jewish Culture
330 Seventh Avenue, 21st Floor
New York, NY 10001

Dear Richard:

It was most gracious of you to invite Rhea and me to be guests at the 1995 Jewish Cultural Achievement Awards ceremonies. We'd dearly love to be with you but a long standing engagement in Boston precludes our presence. We much regret our inability to be with you for these very special events.

The list of Scholarship and Arts Awards recipients is most impressive, as are those who will make the presentations. You have chosen well!

With best wishes and warm regards I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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July 26, 1991
15 Av 5751

Richard Siegel, Executive Director
National Foundation for Jewish Culture
330 Seventh Avenue, 21st Floor
New York, NY 10001

Dear Mr. Siegel:

I have been trying, to no avail, to learn the guidelines of your organization for nominating someone for a Jewish Cultural Achievement Award.

I would very much wish to call to your attention a fine young English artist. Is there an application form? What information do you require? Any data you can share with me will be very much appreciated.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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*Rec'd. Info
on nominees
for awards (Tom)*



NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE • FALL 1990

First Annual Jewish Cultural Achievement Awards Ceremonies

On June 3, 1990, the First Annual Jewish Cultural Achievement Awards Ceremonies, sponsored by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, were held at the Florence Gould Hall in New York City. Attended by 500 patrons and artists, these ceremonies celebrated both Jewish contributions to the arts in America and artistic contributions to American Jewish life. This was a rare opportunity for us to recognize our vitality and creativity as Jews and Americans—and the emotion which filled the hall was palpable.

It is difficult to convey the full excitement of these ceremonies in a few words and photographs; however, through this special issue of The Jewish Cultural News we would like to share some of the highlights. The focus

of the evening, naturally, was on the awardees: composer Hugo Weisgall, sculptor George Segal, the National Center for Jewish Film, and the creative team for "Fiddler on the Roof" lyricist Sheldon Harnick, composer Jerry Bock, and writer Joseph Stein.

Reprinted below are excerpts from the moving tributes to the awardees as artists and as Jews presented by their colleagues in the arts.

The ceremonies were punctuated by remarkable performances—to celebrate the awardees, to celebrate the heritage of Russian Jewish culture, and to celebrate new Jewish artistic creativity in America. Among the special guest performers were the brilliant, young, Russian emigre pianist Alexander Paley, the

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From left to right: Richard Siegel, Mike Zeltzer, David Altschuler, Miriam Saul Krant, Isidore Sheffer, David Eden, Joseph Stein, Ruth Cummings Sorensen, Sharon Pucker Rivo, Noam Semel, Hugo Weisgall, Bel Kaufman, Sheldon Harnick, Joan Rosenbaum.

Right: Award Medal, specially commissioned and sculpted by Marika Somogyi.

Helping a New Generation of Artists

We are witnessing extraordinary changes in our time. In Europe and the Soviet Union, artists are finally being freed from the shackles of censorship and uniformity that stifles the creative impulse. Jews who landed on Ellis Island in previous decades and those now arriving at Kennedy Airport know firsthand of the measures forced upon artists and extraordinary minds by oppressive cultures.

Here in the United States, a very different transformation has been occurring. For the first time since Jews came to these shores, a new creativity has been borne. It is an incredible creativity, and one that has only been able to come about through the interaction of American and Jewish identities. Jewish artists are finally at home in America.

Too often in the past, we have overlooked this unique blend of

Jewish tradition and contemporary America. Freedom breeds creativity, and we take it for granted that such extraordinary work will certainly continue. But it cannot continue on its own. We must support and nurture our artists.

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture launched the Jewish Cultural Achievement Awards to recognize our artists and celebrate their artistic creativity. The seven awardees we honored—and dozens like them who we hope to honor in subsequent years—represent the spectrum of American Jewish creativity, from modern art to classical music, film and theater.

A new generation of artists is now struggling to make their impact on America. With our help, they will succeed.

Theodore Bikel
Chairperson, Artistic Advisory Committee

HOLD THE DATE!

The Second Annual Jewish Cultural Achievement Awards Ceremonies

8 p.m., Thursday, May 30, 1991
Florence Gould Hall at the
French Institute
55 East 59th Street
New York City

Afterthoughts

"The Jewish Cultural Achievement Awards are a very exciting development in American Jewish cultural life... The evening's program [showed] the high level of quality and commitment to Jewish culture..."

—Ruth Messinger
Borough President

"... The evening was beautiful and memorable..."

—Bel Kaufman

"... I feel quite proud to be included with the other awardees..."

—Sheldon Harnick

"... The evening was very fine, deep, entertaining, illuminating."

—Yehudi Wyner
Music Dep't.
Brandeis University

Excerpts from the Awards Ceremonies

Isaiah Sheffer: Introductory Remarks

"... the creative spirit, the 'ruach'. We meet here this evening to celebrate that vital ingredient in the formula, Jewish culture, the invigorating spark that breathes life and spirit into the inert clay body of a people and of all mankind.

Tonight we inaugurate, we hope, an annual series of awards, awards that will be BOTH recognitions of achievement in many cultural fields, and encouragements to keep that creative spark flickering. Tonight's special emphasis is on Russian Jewish culture, as it plays an increasingly revitalized role in affecting Jewish culture in America and Israel. ■



Jeremiah Kaplan, former President of Simon and Schuster and member of the NJJC Events Committee, with Theodore Bikel.

Sunday, June 3, 1990
The National Foundation for Jewish Culture
presents
**THE FIRST ANNUAL JEWISH CULTURAL
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CEREMONIES**

David Eden
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Creative Consultant

PROGRAM

1. L. Peretz, "The Golden"
Isaiah Sheffer

Franz Liszt, "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2"
Alexander Paley, piano

Presentation of Award to Hugo Weingall by
Samuel Lipsman, Publisher, The New Criterion

Hugo Weingall selections from "The Golden Peacock"
Seven Popular Songs from the Yiddish:
"Bachane Zimke," "Der Rebe Elimelech," "Di Goldene Pore"
"Unshu Rebeys,"
Constance Beaton, mezzo soprano
Brian Zeger, piano

"Circle Walker" (1985)
Choreography and sculpture by Alan Boeding
Performed by Alan Boeding
Music: Yoo Kuz

Presentation of Award to George Segal by
Joan Rosenbaum, Director, The Jewish Museum

(PROGRAM, continued)

GREETINGS
Noam Semei, Cultural Attaché of Israel
Joshua Sobol, "Soul of A Jew"
Adela's Monologue, Act I
Estelle Parsons

GREETINGS
Ruth Cummings Sorenson, Chair, Events Committee
George M. Zelizer, President, National Foundation for Jewish Culture
Presentation of Award to the National Center for Jewish Film
Sharon Pucker Rivo and Miriam Saul Krant, founders
by David Altsbuler, Director, Museum of Jewish Heritage

"Traditions on Film"
Narrated by Sharon Pucker Rivo

George Gershwin, "It Ain't Necessarily So," from "Porgy and Bess"
Nina Bellina, violin
Mark Palman, piano

A salute to the creators of "Fiddler on the Roof"
Musical Director: Zalmen Mlotek
with Ronald Harris

and
the cast of the current New York production of "The Rothschilds":
Mike Burstyn, David Cantor, Nick Corley, Bob Cuccidoli,
Allen Fitzpatrick, Joe Ann Gershenson, Joel Malina,
Judith Thiergaard, David Wasson and Ray Willis

Presentation of Award to
Jerry Bock, Sheldon Harnick, and Joseph Stein
by Bel Kaufman, author

FINALE

Awards Program.



David Altsbuler, Director, Museum of Jewish Heritage, and NJJC President Sandra Weiner.



Ruth Cummings Sorenson, Chairperson of the Events Committee with Richard Siegel, NJJC Executive Director.

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Academy Award winning actress Estelle Parsons, an amazing sculptor/choreographer/dancer Allen Boeding, and the cast of the Off-Broadway production of "The Rothschilds" starring Mike Burstyn and Lonny Price. One of the most moving parts of the evening was a collage of film clips from the collections of the National Center for Jewish Film ranging from documentary footage of East European shtetls to the splendor of the restored classic film, "The Dybbuk."

The Cultural Awards Committee, chaired by Ruth Cummings Sorenson, and the Artistic Advisory Committee, chaired by Theodore Bikel, are now planning next year's awards and ceremonies. We hope that this special issue of the Jewish Cultural News conveys some of the energy of this year's ceremonies, and that we will continue to celebrate the creativity of the Jewish spirit for many years to come. ■

Sandra Weiner, President
Richard Siegel, Executive Director

Presentation to Hugo Weisgall

by Samuel Lippman

Hugo Weisgall is a many-splendored man. It has been my honor and privilege, over thirty years, to know these splendors personally. Perhaps Hugo's most interesting splendor is persistence. To explain that to you, I only need tell you of the circumstances of our friendship.

I met Hugo back in 1959, when I came as a student to Juilliard. My first class—Literature and Materials of Music—was with Hugo. I found myself faced by a musical tornado. A musician, interested in everything, knowing everything, and caring about everything musical. He played the piano, he sang, he exhorted, and above all he taught every minute of the class. I thought to myself, if this is what Juilliard is like, it must be a great school. I won't hide from you the answer—that it wasn't on either count.

I have to admit, as a further tribute to Hugo, that the grade he gave me was my lowest grade at Juilliard. Since then, Hugo and I have spoken at least once on the phone almost every day, and I consider him one of my dearest friends and greatest influences. He is in every sense my honored teacher. At once a proud and pious Jew, and a remarkable citizen of the world, Hugo is truly a light unto the nations. A believing Jew who has never eaten *traif*, a Jew who every year conducts as a *chazan* his own High-Holiday services in Maine. A worldwide authority on Jewish liturgical music, Hugo continues to be our best exemplar of what it means to be a Jew in the world. Now, he has just been elected President of the American Academy Institute of Arts and Letters.

He is America's most distinguished opera composer. *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, written on commission from the Ford Foundation, and performed for two seasons at the New York City Opera, has remained from the day of its composition a landmark in American opera for its profound theatricality and a landmark in world contemporary opera for

its distinctive position in international modernism. Beyond Hugo's sense of theatricality in song, one must remark on the distinctiveness of his style. Written entirely within the mainstream of 20th Century musical expressionism, Hugo has taken from Schoenberg, and particularly from Berg, the beginnings of a vocabulary which he has over a long lifetime made conspicuously and undeviatingly his own. We will shortly have a



Awardees Hugo Weisgall and George Segal.

chance to see and hear just what Hugo has wrought, for this month the Chicago Lyric Opera is doing a long overdue revival of *Six Characters in Search of an Author*. Moreover, Hugo is now hard at work completing an opera on Racine's *Esther*—a Jewish subject if ever one could be found—on commission for the San Francisco Opera for performance in the 1991/1992 season.

Miraculously, in this age of compositional cafeteria-hopping, Hugo has written in one style, always subject to development, but always unmistakably his own and no one else's. It can and must be said, that whether as Jew, as composer or as man, Hugo has always been a figure of honor. May he and his work flourish for a thousand years! ■

Presentation to George Segal

by Joan Rosenbaum

It is really both a great pleasure and a true honor for me to be in the position of presenting George Segal with this award for cultural achievement. I am happily touched by association with the ceremony just as I have been incredibly educated and moved by my fortunate role as Director of the Jewish Museum and the particular association I have had with George Segal and his work. In 1981 San Francisco's Mayor Diane Feinstein commissioned a

sculpture, my own conversations with George Segal over the years and the reading and thinking I have recently done about his career makes me not at all surprised by the many honors, books, films and awards he has accrued and the many exhibitions which have taken place all over the world, including Europe, Israel and Japan.

While Segal's work did, indeed, burst upon the art scene in the early 60's with incredible force, his startling plaster, human forms and his radical formal approach to sculpture are not, I feel, what has totally brought him his fame. I think it is more the extraordinary balance in the work—between the formal and narrative and between the enormously accessible and the abstract. It is this delicate balance which has touched people and brought George his deserved fame. I think it is also what has brought him into this troublesome, yet provocative, interesting and inspiring arena which we call "art and Jewish identity".

I will ask George for forgiveness in taking the liberty of broadly capsulizing his work in two different directions: one where he takes for the subject of his sculpture everyday people in everyday situations: crossing a street, waiting in line at a bus station, sitting on a park bench. In these we can easily recognize ourselves, and what's more, we feel we can even enter the scene and be part of the work. Yet this presentation of the ordinary is strangely and powerfully moving. It makes us reflective, thoughtful, even reverent and then transported to thinking about the essential relationships of our daily lives and even our place in the world.

The other direction of Segal's work is one where he uses Biblical figures, such as Abraham and Isaac, Lot and his family, Hagar and Ishmael: heroic and mythical figures, used as yet another route to essentially the same goal: the consideration of philosophical, psychological and

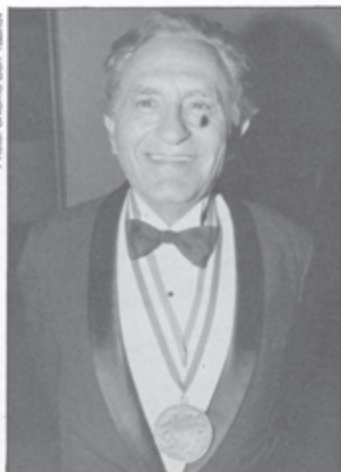
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Presentation to Jerry Bock, Sheldon Harnick and Joseph Stein by Bel Kaufman

I want it known that I am responsible for *Fiddler on the Roof*: without me there would have been no *Fiddler*. Why? Because when I was two years old, Sholom Aleichem boasted I helped him write by holding on tightly to his hand when we walked together. So I assume full credit for all his works, including *Tevye the Milkman*.

Years later, just before the contract with Sholom Aleichem's family was to be signed, I was invited to the office of Tommy Valando, music publisher, to hear the run-through of the musical. There I found Sheldon Harnick, Jerry Bock, Joe Stein, Tommy Valando and a representative of William Morris Agency looking very glum, discouraged and frustrated—about ready to give up the whole project, because the attorney for the Sholom Aleichem estate made himself unavailable and was not answering his telephone. He will be nameless; besides he is long since dead, but he was singularly inadequate. I once asked my aunt why we kept him. She gave me a Jewish answer: "We *have* to keep him; he's a sick man!" Sheldon Harnick played the score and sang the lyrics of *Tevye*, which was magic. I hugged him (I've been hugging him ever since), told him it was done with talent, taste and love, and I marched to the telephone and somehow got through to the nameless attorney. Whatever I said must have been effective, for

Photo: Sholom Ben-Yakov



Joseph Stein, Writer, *Fiddler on the Roof*.

the contract was signed a few days later, *Tevye* became *Fiddler on the Roof*, and the rest is history.

But to say that Broadway discovered Sholom Aleichem through this musical is like saying that Freud discovered sex, and Masters and Johnson perfected it. Jewish people knew and loved Sholom Aleichem long before *Fiddler*; after it, non Jews as well as young people all over the world knew and loved him. As a matter of fact, when *Fiddler* played in Japan, the Japanese actor who played Tevye, on a visit to this country, said: "Do you Americans understand this play? It's a Japanese play: tradition, family feeling..."

There was a real milkman named Tevye who used to deliver dairy products to Sholom Aleichem and his family. He was a small, wizened man, not at all like the powerful actors who played the role. He had a funny black beard

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Ruth Cummings Sorenson with Miriam Saul Krant, Associate Director and Sharon Pucker Rivo, Executive Director of the National Center for Jewish Film.

Presentation to National Center for Jewish Film: Sharon Pucker Rivo, Miriam Saul Krant-Founders by David Altshuler

In August of 1976, the largest extant group of Yiddish language films in the world was acquired by the American Jewish Historical Society. With the foresight and generosity of Henry and Edith Everett, the Rutenberg and Everett Yiddish Film Library was established to preserve and distribute these films.

Sharon Pucker Rivo and Miriam Krant were engaged to develop this project, and as their work proceeded, it became clear that the Jewish community needed a centralized source for Jewish films. Over the next few years, the project evolved naturally into the National Center for Jewish Film.

Our two honorees had an extraordinary partner in much of their labors, their Board Chairman Arnold Picker, *zichrono livrachah*. Together, with energy and commitment, they built a monumental repository for our Jewish heritage. To do so, they had to overcome considerable obstacles, including the problems of rights clearances for media materials, international relations in bringing footage from behind the Iron Curtain, permissions from commercial companies to distribute for non-profit use, and technical and, of course, financial challenges in preserving and cataloging the films they did acquire.

Today, the Center has an international collection of more than 3,000 films that address every aspect of modern Jewish life. The Center also accepts archival footage from Jewish organizations such as ORT, JNF, JDC, UJA and others. There is an active program to enhance the original Yiddish film collection, and the service of circulating films now makes available hundreds of titles.

We look forward to the time when our two honorees will publish a comprehensive filmography, because they are the definitive source in this field. Meanwhile, they do assist other scholars, such as Patricia Erens, author of *The Jews in American Cinema*, and Lester Friedman, who wrote *Hollywood's Image of the Jew*, as well as major motion picture companies like MCA/Universal, and the American Film Institute. Finally, we at the Museum of Jewish Heritage are very grateful that the Center has been so helpful in our research and acquisition of film materials for our exhibitions and other educational ventures. ■

Photo: Sholom Ben-Yakov



Bel Kaufman presents the award to Sheldon Harnick.

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moral issues which effect us daily in our families and in society as a whole. The scale of these figures is taken from life casts and is always human yet somehow grand, familiar yet heroic, fragile yet powerful.

A person cannot totally escape from his or her past, and George Segal's Jewish background—which is in fact a traditional one—has had to have informed his art, which when we see it, allows us to create our own view of the world, thus stimulating a continual process of creation and recreation, which is indeed very much a part of Jewish identity.

Segal, in fact, takes casts of his family and friends, using the image of men and women, as the point of departure for his work. This might seem to be the most un-Jewish kind of art given the ancient Jewish mandate against the creation of graven images. Yet Segal may indeed be the most profoundly Jewish artist in our midst, as he seems to replicate the Hebrew Bible's deep lesson that human personality only realizes itself in the

moral interrelationship between one person and another as well as between man and God.

Yet another philosophical thinker has written, "we have art so that we may not perish from the truth". I think of this when I revisit the Holocaust piece in the Jewish Museum. I also think of a quote from George Segal himself, which I end with and which truly captures the reasons we present this award tonight: "The hunt", said Segal, "is not for versimilitude, not for the naturalistic reproduction, but a hunt for the spirit. ■"



Joan Rosenbaum, Director of the Jewish Museum, presents the award to George Segal.

Concluding Remarks by Isaiah Sheffer

To all the Award Winners...

To the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, and its important work...

To the artists at work right now on the work that will win NEXT year's awards...

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Bock, Harnick & Stein, cont.

that grew out of his neck instead of his chin, and he had no daughters at all. Sholom Aleichem liked to talk with this Teyve, and wrote a series of stories in the Jewish press about Teyve the milkman and his seven daughters. (*Fiddler* subtracted two!).

The success of *Fiddler on the Roof* is ironic: Sholom Aleichem wanted so much to have his works translated into English, his plays produced in this country—

but he didn't live to see this. He wrote to my parents in Odessa: "My eyes won't see it; perhaps yours or your children's will." Ours have.

That's why it gives me pleasure (and the opportunity to hug Sheldon once more) to present this award—I think, with my grandfather's happy approval—to these special people who made of Sholom's Aleichem's Teyve a classic of American musical theater. ■

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Joyce C. Kitey, Executive Director
Israel Bonds - New York
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Dear Ms. Kitey:

As Rabbi Schindler is out of the country for an extended period, I write acknowledge receipt of your February 3rd letter and the materials on the "Witness" 1995 journey to Poland, Israel and Jordan.

He will undoubtedly find your plans to be exciting and very meaningful. Unfortunately, his own meeting and speaking schedule precludes joining you for this State of Israel Bonds special International Delegation.

With every good wish and kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President



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ISRAEL BONDS

JOYCE C. KITEY
Executive Director
New York

February 3, 1995

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

Dear Alex:

I am about to embark on what promises to be an unforgettable journey and a powerful emotional experience which I'd love to have you share with me.

Our upcoming trip to Poland, Israel and Jordan will include the participation of a wonderful group including young people from Israel and around the world. Together, we will honor the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust, affirm the vibrancy of our heritage, and behold the promise of our future.

This special event begins on April 24th and ends on May 5th. The highlight of the four days in Poland will be our participation in the solemn March of the Living, walking in the footsteps of our forebearers from Auschwitz to Birkenau with 1500 teenagers. Together we will confirm that, although fifty years have passed since the liberation, the memory of what happened fifty years ago will never fade.

To see Warsaw, Krakow and Lublin - where our parents and forefathers lived and toiled - we will bear witness at Maidanek, Auschwitz and Birkenau - this experience will make an indelible mark on your heart and mind.

We leave Poland four days later and fly to Israel, the Jewish homeland. While there, we will have the pleasure of meeting with Prime Minister Rabin, Foreign Minister Peres, Finance Minister Shochat, and members of the Knesset. We will enjoy two days in Jordan, tour the ancient Nabatean city of Petra, stay overnight in Amman, the fascinating capital city of Jordan, stand on Mt. Nevo, and we just received confirmation that King Hussein will receive us on this occasion.

We will celebrate the creation of the State of Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut - contrasting our past with our present - and our hope for the future.

I hope you will join me on the International Delegation to Poland, Jordan and Israel and share this once in a lifetime experience. Enclosed please find a formal invitation, a response card, and a proposed itinerary.

I look forward to hearing from you - I'll be in touch.

With warm regards,


Joyce C. Kitey

*Hope you and the family will
join us.*

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ITINERARY (Proposed)

- Monday, April 24 Depart New York via El Al Airlines at approximately 8PM.
- Tuesday, April 25 Arrive in Warsaw and check in at the Marriot Hotel early in the morning. Tour Warsaw and visit the site of the Warsaw Ghetto, the Jewish Cemetery and the only remaining Synagogue (standing only because the Germans used it for a stable) as well as other historic places.
- Wednesday, April 26 Visit Lublin - The Yeshiva of the Scholars now used as a medical school. Lublin, once an important center of Jewish life, fell to the Germans in 1939. It was the first community to be systematically destroyed.
Tour the Maidanek Concentration Camp.
- Thursday, April 27 We will go by train to Krakow, the town where Schindler's factory operated.
On this day, Yom HaShoa, our group will join some 1500 young people in the historic March of the Living. We walk from Auschwitz to Birkenau as we trace the horrific route traveled by our forefathers.
- Friday, April 28 Fly to Israel where we will stay at the Tel Aviv Hilton.
Enjoy Shabbat Dinner with the Chief Cantor, the Israel Defense Force and Army Rabbinical Choir.
- Saturday, April 29 Relax, walk the beach and enjoy Shabbat at leisure in Tel Aviv. Our Women's Division will sponsor a reception at the Hotel in the afternoon.
Saturday night we will have dinner with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.
- Sunday, April 30 Early in the morning, we leave for Jordan. We will cross the Allenby Bridge and go south to tour Petra with its rosy-hued ancient carvings. We will spend the night in Amman, the fascinating capital city of Jordan.
- Monday, May 1 In Amman, we will have special meetings with King Hussein, the United States Ambassador to Jordan and Israel's Ambassador to Jordan. We will stand on Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the promised land. That afternoon, we will return to Tel Aviv.

Tuesday, May 2

Finance Minister Avraham Shochat will join us for breakfast.

Then we will drive to the North. In upper Nazareth, a visit to Tzipori and Migdal Ha'Emek to see high tech incubators and industrial parks. We will lunch with the Mayor of Nazareth and the Mayor of Migdal Ha Emek.

Visit Massua, the Institute for the Study of the Holocaust on Kibbutz Tel Itzhak.

Back in Tel Aviv, we will observe Yom Hazikaron (the eve of Memorial Day) with a candle lighting ceremony. Dinner at the hotel with special guests.

Wednesday, May 3

Leave for Jerusalem and visit American Independence Park. Each of us will plant a tree in memory of Israel's fallen soldiers.

Drive to Latrun Armoured Corps Memorial to participate in memorial services.

Lunch at Ramat Rahal Guest House with Mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert.

Enjoy a special reception at the President's Residence with President Ezer Weizman.

Join in a moving ceremony at the Western Wall.

Celebrate with our Israeli friends and visitors from many countries as we welcome Israel's Independence Day -- Yom Ha'atzmaut -- at a gala dinner dance.

Thursday, May 4

Visit a military base of the Israel Defense Forces.

Afternoon at leisure.

Closing dinner with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

After dinner, depart for New York via El Al at 1:00 AM on Flight 001, arriving at JFK about 6:00 AM on Friday May 5.



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February 7, 1995
7 Adar I 5755

Yona Baumel
c/o Presidents Conference
110 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022

Dear Yona:

I was delighted to be brought up to date on the work of the ACMIS and pleased to learn that an American office is being opened.

Much to my regret, it will not be possible for me to attend the February 10 breakfast at which the office is to be inaugurated. I shall be leaving for England and Israel on February 9th for a series of meetings and, thus cannot be with you. I hope you know that my warm good wishes are always with you and with the effort of the ACMIS.

With fond regards to you and Miriam, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



העמותה הבינלאומית למען השבויים והנעדרים של צה"ל
INTERNATIONAL COALITION FOR MISSING ISRAELI SOLDIERS

January 25, 1995

Rabbi Alex Schindler
President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
fax: 212-570-0895

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to Yona.*

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you of an exciting new development in the effort to resolve the fate of the missing Israeli soldiers.

In the coming weeks, the International Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers will be opening an American office. The office, to be known as the American Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers, will serve as a headquarters for the campaign in North America. The new ACMIS office, under the chairmanship of Mr. Marc Mishaan will plan campaign programming and will help streamline the flow of information between ICMIS and the families here in Israel and the various organizations and offices that are active on the issue in North America. In short, ACMIS will be a one issue organization whose sole concern is the cause of the missing Israeli soldiers.

On Friday February 10, 1995 we will be hosting a breakfast to formally announce this new and exciting development. We would be honored if you or a representative of your organization would attend. It would mean a great deal to us for your organization to express its solidarity with us on this occasion.

The ACMIS Inaugural Breakfast will be held at 110 East 59th Street, fourth floor, in the conference room at 8:30 a.m.

Sincerely,

Pesach Wolicki

Pesach Wolicki
Director
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COMMENTS:

Dear Rabbi:
Peter asked me to send you this information about our
annual Eyes on New York benefit with the hope that you will
agree to join the Honorary Committee on the invitation.
Please give me a call at your convenience.

Ann Warwick

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The Eyes on New York Benefit directs its proceeds toward vision care programs for the city's underserved.

It was 35 years ago when three folk singers combined talents and made their debut at Greenwich Village's Bitter End coffee house. Thus began a musical legacy, shared by people all over the world, who are now on a first name basis with Peter, Paul and Mary.

Their timeless recordings of "Blowin' in the Wind," "If I Had a Hammer," and "Puff, the Magic Dragon" have transcended the generations. The trio's commitment to social justice also lies at the heart of their story and it is as strong as ever today.

→ Their newest album, LifeLines, premiering at this benefit, was produced by Grammy-winner and historic creative partner, Phil Ramone. It combines the talents of the legendary trio with musical friends, past and present: Judy Collins, Richie Havens, Carly and Lucy Simon, B.B. King, John Sebastian, Emmylou Harris, Holly Near, Dave Van Ronk, Ramblin' Jack Elliott and others.

⊕ Peter, Paul and Mary's shared commitment to "making a difference" has guided them for three and a half decades and will undoubtedly continue to inspire them in the future.



Moshe Eng

November 16, 1994
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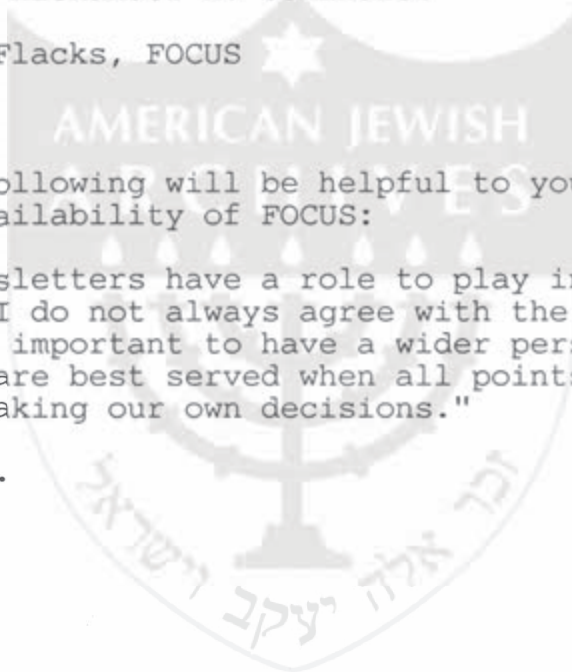
From: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

To: Paul Flacks, FOCUS

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BEHIND THE HEADLINES AND THE BYLINES

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

November 6, 1994

Dear Rabbi:

I share with you a sense of profound loss . Dick Cohen, in his unique way was able to relate on many levels and I found him to be very special. The words you spoke at services for Dick were most helpful during this sad moment.

Thank you for taking time to explain again your time restraints that will prevent you from sharing your thoughts about Zionism. It will be a major void and I regret it. If circumstances change, I'll be more than glad to publish. Perhaps after you hear what transpires at the Zionist ideological conference this Sunday you will decide that there is a vital need for your involvement and input.

I hope that you will agree with my editorial in the last issue of FOCUS and that you will urge Shoshana Cardon to follow through on the Jerusalem issue. It is my belief that the total community can be mobilied and it is in fact consistent with the formal position of the Conference of Presidents.

All the best.

Paul Flacks



Rabbi, any ideas how to increase circulation of FOCUS within the Reform movement? Would you agree to provide me with a 1-2 sentence comment about FOCUS which I can quote. Obviously, I don't expect an "endorsement" but some kind of acknowledgement that it serves a good purpose. Hope you can do this. It will be appreciated.

*Draft a sentence or two
"I agree though I do not always agree
it is important to have
Waller perspective"*

PAUL FLACKS, Editor

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Mac Ory

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November 10, 1994
7 Kislev 5755

Mrs. Helen H. Jackson
Henry M. Jackson Foundation
1001 Fourth Avenue, Suite 3317
Seattle, WA 98154

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

The plans for the commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment are exciting and certainly a most appropriate manner in which to honor the memory of Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson as well as the Amendment's anniversary.

It is with great regret that I must decline to join you in Israel. The UAHC Executive staff will be meeting and, of course, as the head of the staff I simply cannot absent myself from this long planned gathering.

The memory of Senator Jackson and his magnificent human rights record have been and continue to be a blessing. The commemoration of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment underscores the critical work still to be done in the area of human rights.

With every good wish for a marvelous conference, and warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

COMMITTEE TO COMMEMORATE
SENATOR HENRY M. JACKSON
AND THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

ON THE OCCASION

OF THE 20TH

ANNIVERSARY OF

THE JACKSON-VANIK

AMENDMENT

October 25, 1994

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

The Jackson-Vanik Amendment made history -- measured by the lives of hundreds of thousands of *refuseniks* and ordinary Soviet Jewish citizens who sought the freedom to live where they choose. These new immigrants provide Israel with greater possibilities and are a vital resource for reinvigorating Jewish life in the U.S.

To mark the 20th anniversary of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, an international commemorative conference will be held in Israel on January 8-10, 1995. The conference will pay special tribute to Senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson, recognizing his efforts to secure the right of emigration. It also will help us map out plans for the next stage of our work: to reinvigorate Jewish life in the former Soviet Union and to bring new immigrants into the mainstream of life in Israel and the U.S.

As a community leader who joined the Senator in fighting for these basic human rights, you are cordially invited to attend this commemorative conference and join us in celebrating the achievements past and future of our long and hard campaign.

The assembly will bring together leaders from both East and West who participated in the effort to free Soviet Jewry. The conference, which is co-sponsored by The Henry M. Jackson Foundation, The American Enterprise Institute, The Jerusalem Post, Friends of Scoop Jackson, The Hebrew University, and The Zionist Forum, will be held at the Hebrew University campus in Jerusalem. Sessions will address the historical and contemporary significance of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. A Jerusalem site will be dedicated in tribute to the work of the late Senator and a concert will be performed by a Russian emigre orchestra.

The 20th anniversary of the amendment is a unique opportunity for our community to reflect on its achievements, on the lives touched by the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, to honor a man whose leadership helped liberate millions of Jews and to rededicate ourselves to the work that lies ahead.

We hope you will join us along with other members of the human rights community at this important event.

Sincerely,

Natan Sharansky
Co-Chairman

Helen
Helen H. Jackson
Honorary Chairman

P.S. As planning for this event is running on a tight schedule, we would very much appreciate your reply as soon as possible. For additional information on the event, travel arrangements and hotel accommodations, please call Deena Kaye at Schnur & Henzel Associates in New York, coordinators for the commemoration, at (212)489-0600.

We look forward to seeing you next year in Jerusalem.



October 25, 1994

Dear Friend,

During the long and difficult years I spent imprisoned, I drew strength from the knowledge that a man like Scoop Jackson was at the forefront of the fight for human rights in the Soviet Union.

When I came home to Israel, I knew that it was his leadership, and the work of people like you who labored at his side, that won freedom for me and hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews.

Unfortunately Scoop Jackson did not live to see the triumph of the movement he championed and I never did have the opportunity to thank him personally for his efforts on our behalf.

On January 8-10 an international commemorative conference in Jerusalem will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Jackson - Vanik Amendment, the landmark human rights legislation that helped set the stage for the largest mass rescue of Jews since the exodus from Egypt.

Visiting Israel is always special. Participating in the conference will give you the added opportunity of meeting key political, communal, academic and business leaders from Israel, the United States, Europe and Russia.

In the press of the daily problems that confront us as individuals and as a community, we often forget how far we have come and how much we have achieved. The liberation of Soviet Jewry was one of the greatest miracles of our history and you helped make it happen.

Please join me in Israel on January 8-10 as we say thank you to Helen Jackson for her husband's leadership, pay tribute to a man who led through inspiration, celebrate the achievements of epic proportions and set an agenda for the future.

Sincerely,

Natan Sharansky

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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I read with great interest your "Dear Reader" column in the Fall 1994 issue of *Reform Judaism*.

Your declaration that, "For many Jews, the Land of Israel remains the sole touchstone of their Jewish existence. They have for too long been plugged into Israel as if it were a dialysis machine....Equating Judaism with Israel does irreparable harm. We will never know who we are if we continue to use Israel as a fig leaf to cover our own nakedness," was indeed welcome. It provides us with an analysis of the current American Jewish condition which should be carefully considered and discussed by those individuals and groups who have, for many years, followed precisely the path you describe.

Unfortunately, many in the American Jewish community have indeed made the State of Israel a false God. Our religious life all too often has been dominated by the politics of the Middle East rather than the spiritual needs of American Jews. In many of our religious institutions, American Jews have been told that Israel is their "homeland" and that they are in "exile" in the United States. Rather than bringing them closer to God and to Judaism's moral and ethical precepts, these institutions have told them that their goal should be emigration to Israel.

Ever since its creation more than fifty years ago, the American Council for Judaism has argued that Judaism is a religion of universal values, not a nationality, and that Americans of the Jewish faith are Americans in precisely the same way as are Americans of other faiths.

The Council has been true to the 1885 Pittsburgh Platform of Reform Judaism which, in its fifth paragraph, declared: "We consider ourselves no longer a nation but a religious community." Sadly, many in Reform Judaism have abandoned that conviction and have embraced the Zionist notion of a narrow and exclusive nationalism. It is because of that embrace that so many now fear for the future of American Judaism. Young

Americans are unlikely to participate in institutions which tell them that they are in "exile" in their own country and which seek to involve them in the politics of another country as a substitute for religion.

In the book, *Jews Against Zionism: The American Council for Judaism, 1942-1948*, Professor Thomas A. Kolsky concludes that the Council's warnings about Zionism were prophetic. He writes: "...many of its predictions about the consequences of the establishment of a Jewish state did come true. As the ACJ had foreseen, the birth of the state created numerous problems--problems the Zionists had minimized....The ominous predictions of the ACJ are still haunting the Zionists."

In your "Dear Reader" article you conclude that, "Only the synagogue" can meet the current challenge to American Judaism. "The synagogue," you write, "is where Jews are made, and where the individual soul and the community are joined." Yet, if the synagogue becomes a center of ethnic display and chauvinistic posturing rather than of religious life, it is unlikely to remain a vibrant force in our free and open society. The spiritual vacuum which is now apparent in our society, and which has motivated men and women of many religious traditions to search for faith in an increasingly secular age, cannot be addressed by a separatist, ethnic-nationalist enterprise.

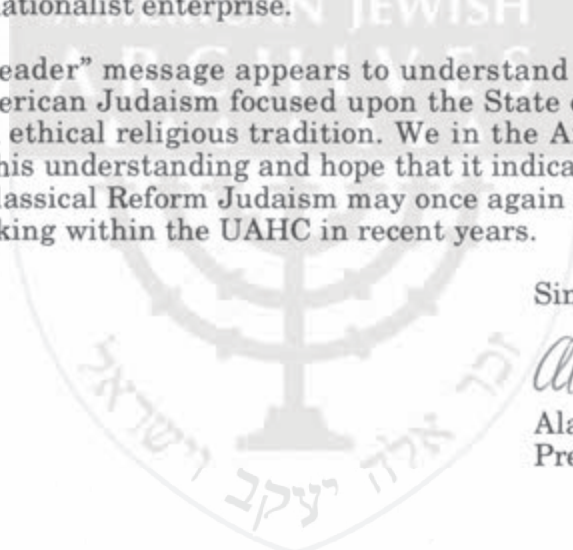
Your "Dear Reader" message appears to understand that much has gone wrong with an American Judaism focused upon the State of Israel rather than upon our universal ethical religious tradition. We in the American Council for Judaism applaud this understanding and hope that it indicates that, at long last, the philosophy of classical Reform Judaism may once again receive the attention which has been lacking within the UAHC in recent years.

Sincerely yours,



Alan V. Stone

Alan V. Stone,
President



Mr. O. J.

August 3, 1994
26 Av 5754

Dr. Jose A. Nessim, President
The Sephardic Educational Center
6505 Wilshire Boulevard, #403
Los Angeles, CA 90048

Dear Dr. Nessim:

Much to my regret we do not have a published history of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Our complete history resides in the many volumes of Board and Executive Committee minutes gathered since our creation in 1873, as well as Biennial resolutions and reports which are kept here at our national headquarters. We are also in the midst of creating an Oral History.

Alas, none of this material will be of help to you but I am enclosing herewith a brochure which describes the Programs and Services of the UAHC, as well as a new pamphlet entitled, "What We Believe, What We Do," which provides additional data on the Union.

May I also suggest that you might obtain a copy of "Response to Modernity" by Michael A. Meyer, Oxford University Press. This volume gives the history of the entire Reform movement and has a very fine section on the UAHC.

With every good wish for the coming New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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July 22, 1994

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 5th Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10021-7064

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I hope that you received my previous letter concerning the Sephardic Educational Center (SEC) in Jerusalem and its branches around the world.

We would greatly appreciate receiving a book regarding the history and activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations from its inception until now.

Any and all literature that you send to us will be placed in our library in Jerusalem as well as our library in the states.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Sincerely yours,

J.A. Nessim, M.D.
JAN/sg

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we will do.*

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Response to
Michael
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Alan (Feb)*

sent 4/28

MEMORANDUM

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April 28, 1994

VIA Fax: One page

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

TO: Eliyahu Tal

I have your letter and the material concerning this year's Yom Yerushalyaim ad. I am delighted to add my name to those who will be signing this important message.

I do hope you are feeling better, that you have been granted a refuah shlema.

Warm good wishes.



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Dear Rabbi Alexander Schindler,

Subject: A demographic Shoa looms ahead

As a concerned Jewish leader you might find interest in my article which appeared in Haaretz 28.2.1994 proposing an innovative approach to the problem of Jewish survival. As you can see from the att. CV I am an Israeli mass-communicator active voluntarily in the field of Hasbara.

Five years ago I founded the Jerusalem Forum operating independently but with the blessing of the Israeli Government (see letters Rabin, Peres). We are a non-partisan body - Menachem Begin ז"ל and Abba Eban ז"ל were among the first members. The enclosures will give you an idea of the scope of our activities carried out in a voluntary spirit without any funding by the Establishment. We lay emphasize on rallying Christian support and 25% of our members are non-Jews.

On May 9th we shall publish our traditional Yom Yerushalyaim announcement similar to the ad enclosed. We shall be honored if your name will appear in it.

בברכת ירושלים המאוחדת,

Eliyahu Tal, Chairman

N.B. I apologize for the delay in sending this letter, due both to my illness and my secretary's absence. Your reply by fax will therefore be greatly appreciated.

P.O.B. 3320, Jerusalem 91033

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בהתקפה מסיונית זו על נפשו
של המאמין נשמע קולה של
היהדות כקול ענות חלושה. גם
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לים, והגדולים מכולם - הנבי
אים. עוד לפני עידן הטלוויזיה
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בקר על צווארו.

גם בדורנו הצמיח העם היהודי
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וטרוצקי, מחד גיסא, והרצל
ז'בוטינסקי ובן גוריון, מאידך גי
סא. אך היהדות לא הצליחה
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טת המכירה הישירה: הוא יורד
מכבש המטוס, מנשק את הארמה
ומדבר אל כל קהל כשפתו הוא.
את החזרה לדת ניתן ליוסף

This is the format
of the ad with
text as attached.

Please note: Leres and
Netanyahu in the
same ad, demonstrating
the non-partisan
nature of our forum.

JERUSALEM Shall Not Fall Again



Today, 17 Tamuz (July 19, 1992) is a Jewish fast day. On this day in 70 C.E. the Romans breached the City's wall, and three weeks later, on Tish'a B'Av, the Temple was destroyed.

Is it not time for Jerusalem, which has been subjected to sieges and wars more than any other city on earth, to enjoy the fruits of peace?

Nonetheless the political struggle over the city's status goes on. As Guardians of Jerusalem, it is incumbent upon us to reinforce our position on Jerusalem while refuting false claims and media bias, and to generate Jewish grassroots involvement while enlisting the support of Christian friends.

We reaffirm our solidarity with a united Jerusalem the indisputable capital of Israel.

Teddy Kollek,
Mayor of Jerusalem

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WHOSE JERUSALEM?

As agreed, the issue of Jerusalem's status will be placed on the negotiating table in two years from today. However, the open debate over the city's future is already under way. The UN Security Council resolution of March 18, 1994 referring to Jerusalem as "Palestinian occupied land" may be regarded as the first breach in the wall of the united City. The American abstention is a small solace in view of the mounting international pressure to sever East Jerusalem from Israel's capital.

Founded five years ago (in April 1989), our Forum has been dedicating itself to expose and expound the problem of Jerusalem from its many angles. Since then, many have joined our ranks.

On this day, Jerusalem Day, we welcome our new members who are designated Guardians of Jerusalem.

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We, the undersigned, reaffirm our solidarity with an undivided Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

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This is the text of our prestigious
Jerusalem Day ad which will appear on May 9.

Among the signatories to appear:
IDF Generals, Supreme Court Judges,
Members of the European Parliament,
Mayors of famous cities and other
supporters of our cause.

We shall very much like your name
included, so kindly reply as early as
possible, preferably by fax.

כ"א באייר תשנ"א
5 במאי 1991

מנחם בגין
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לכבוד

מר אליהו טל

הפורום הבינלאומי למען ירושלים מאוחדת

תל - אביב

מר טל הנכבד,

קבל נא את תודתי על שהואלת לשלוח לי את התמונות
בעלות החשיבות ההסטורית בקשר עם יום ירושלים.

הנני מאחל לך הצלחה רבה במפעל לאומי גדול זה.

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בכבוד רב
מנחם בגין

Menachem Begin [i] was one
of the first members of
the Forum and he displayed
interest in our work

Mr. Eliyahu Tal
The International Forum for
a United Jerusalem
Tel-Aviv

Dear Mr. Tal,

On the occasion of Jerusalem Day please accept my
thanks for kindly sending me the poster with its
important historical pictures.

I wish you much success in this great national
project.

Yours respectfully,

Menachem Begin

ראש הממשלה
Prime Minister

August 31, 1993
י"ד באלול תשנ"ג
QPM.087

Dear Eliyahu,

You are well aware of the deep-feelings and sentiment I have towards Jerusalem and the place our eternal city occupies both in my heart and mind.

The struggle for the status and the future of Jerusalem still lies ahead. We, of course, shall not budge an inch from our historical positions - United Jerusalem remains the permanent capital of Israel and the Jewish people under Israeli sovereignty.

Because so many people are unaware of the facts concerning our position or are interested in distorting the historical truth, it is all the more essential that your Forum carry on its invaluable work of explaining Israel's position regarding Jerusalem.

The fact that many volunteers, Jews and non-Jews, have joined your ranks is both heart-warming and a great encouragement to all of us.

With best wishes,

Y. Rabin
Yitzhak Rabin

Mr. Eliyahu Tal, Chairman
The International Forum
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Jerusalem, Israel

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לכבוד
מר אליהו טל
יו"ר הפורום הבינ"ל למען ירושלים מאוחדת
ת.ד. 3320
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אליהו גרין

שלום רב,

הריני מאשר בתודה קבלת מכתבך והמאמר הרצוף.
תודה על האיכפתיות וההרתמות למשימה, מעשה חשוב מאין כמותו.

בברכה,
שמעון פרס

Dear Eliyahu,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter and the article attached to it.

I appreciate your caring, your single mindedness, devotion and your inestimable contribution to the cause.

With greetings,

Shimon Peres (-)


United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC

November 18, 1990

Dear Mr. Tal,

Thank you for sending me a draft of the first part of your thoughtful publication "Whose Jerusalem?". I am pleased to lend my name to this important undertaking.

Sincerely,



Daniel Patrick Moynihan

HOWARD M. METZENBAUM
OHIO

United States Senate

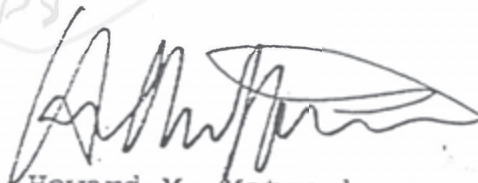
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March 13, 1991

Thank you for your letter on the International Forum for a United Jerusalem: I would be happy to serve on the International Honorary Committee.

Please keep me advised of the activities of the International Forum, and good luck with the launching of this worthy endeavor.

Very sincerely yours,



Howard M. Metzenbaum,
United States Senator

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3802

April 18, 1991

I am honored to accept your invitation to serve on "The International Forum for a United Jerusalem." I look forward to working with you on such a vital and important cause.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,



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April 7, 1994
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Mr. Eliyahu Tal
Chairman
The International Forum for United Jerusalem
POB 3320
21033 Jerusalem

Dear Eliyahu,

I gladly joined your Forum before being elected Mayor of Jerusalem out of conviction of the importance of its aims. During the few months that I have been in office, I have become all the more aware of the vital need to spread the truth about our beloved city and highly appreciative of your work in exposing misconceptions and expounding the issue of Jerusalem from every possible angle.

I do hope that many leading personalities throughout the world who are dedicated to the idea of a United Jerusalem as the Eternal Capital of the State of Israel will join your ranks.

With best wishes for your continued success in this worthy endeavor,

Yours sincerely,


Ehud Olmert

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18 October 1993

Mr Eliyahu Tal
The International Forum for a United Jerusalem
P.O.B. 3320
Jerusalem
Israel

Dear Eliyahu ⁷ _{01N5}

Many thanks indeed for your letter of the 10th October.

I have always said that the work of the International Forum for a United Jerusalem has been of supreme importance and I have been delighted since assuming my Chief Rabbinate to extend my personal support.

You may want to contact Mr Conrad Morris here in London in order to consider with him the names of people who could be approached to join the ranks of supporters. Mr Morris, is well know for his outstanding endeavours in the name of Israel and the Jewish people and I am quite sure he will be of some assistance.

In the meantime, warmest good wishes and continued success in your most important work.

אוריאל סאקס
Jonathan Sacks

Chief Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks

25% of our
members are
Christians. See
moving letter, one
of many, from a
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Texas

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Buddy Murphrey
PASTOR

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July 7, 1993

Dear Eliyahu,

I enjoyed talking with you today about becoming a Guardian of Jerusalem. My husband is a Baptist minister and we have diligently taught our congregation to love and stand with our Jewish brothers. We believe we are near "the end of days" and that the promise of blessing and cursing that Adonai gave to Avraham in Genesis 12:3 will be the ONLY stand that will make a difference in the coming days. We believe that He (Adonai) took "the kingdom" from George Bush and gave it to Bill Clinton because of Genesis 12:3. That is the ONLY explanation for Bush's overwhelming defeat.

Furthermore, we believe that all "Christians" are IMPOSTERS and APOSTATES who do not love Jerusalem and the Jewish people above all others. The one we follow, Yeshua, was a Jewish rabbi; and in the New Covenant he stated VERY CLEARLY in Mattityahu 25:34-46 that those who persecute the Jews persecute him. Anti-semitic "Christians" need to rip most of the pages out of their own Bible. I only wish we could rip the scars of their evil deeds out of the hearts and memories of the Jewish people. The TRUE talmidim of Yeshua wish they would "defect" to the Moslems or drop off into Gey-Hinnom!

Well, back to business...enclosed is our membership fee for \$500.00. If possible, please send us a copy of the Covenant of Jerusalem. We want to post it in our church auditorium. My husband also has a large radio and television ministry, and he wants to do a special program on the Jerusalem Covenant.

As you can see, our flesh is gentile-- but our hearts are Jewish! Maybe we'll have a chance to meet in person the next time we come to Israel. Arab terrorists hand-grenaded Buddy in 1972 just inside Herod's gate, but it will take much more than a grenade to keep us away from our favorite country.

For the love of Yerushalayim,

Carole Murphrey

Carole Murphrey

We
sent
them
posters,
photos
and
leaflets



Zeev in Haaretz, July 4, 1993

The Arabs are insisting that Jerusalem be part of the peace talks agenda. Israel has stated categorically that this issue is non-negotiable and never will be. The American are proposing that the question be deferred until the final stage of the negotiations.

By describing Jerusalem as equally holy to Jews, Christians and Muslims, we are unintentionally supporting the Arab position. This erroneous equation could lead the neutral observer to wonder why the contesting parties cannot discuss the matter between themselves.

The real question is, how long are we going to be able to withstand pressure in the global political arena, pressure that is often supported by hostile media? In a special report marking the resumption of the peace talks in Washington on June 15, CNN correspondent Bill Delaney downplayed the legitimacy of Israel's claim to Jerusalem by stating that the city is equally holy to the three faiths.

It is clear that whether we like it or not, Jerusalem will eventually reach the negotiating table. The sooner we prepare the groundwork for this, the better. And this is exactly what the Forum for a United Jerusalem is dedicated to doing: reinforcing our rights and counteracting mounting Arab propaganda.

We have been granted a short time-out. Jerusalem needs you and people like you. Join the ranks of the Guardians of Jerusalem today.



Membership:	Guardian	-	\$500
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No. 9

THE UNITED JERUSALEM CAMPAIGN

Launching date: Yom Yerushalayim, May 13, 1991

The multi-media campaign as outlined in the enclosed program will be launched with an advertisement in major dailies world-wide.

Our introductory advertisement which appeared on the previous Jerusalem Day (May 13, 1990) evoked a very favorable response. It was the first time that a detailed list of the 58 synagogues destroyed was made public.

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| 12. Ha-Ramban Synagogue | 30. Karaite Synagogue | 50. Aleppo Jews Synagogue |
| 13. Rabbi Baruch Synagogue | 31. Tiferet Yisrael Synagogue | 51. K'tav Torah Synagogue |
| 14. Rabbi Yehuda ha-Hasid Synagogue (the Hurva) | 32. Ohel Moshe Synagogue | 52. Or Zoral'ah Synagogue |
| 15. Warsaw Synagogue | 33. Kurdish Synagogue | 53. Persian Jews' Synagogue |
| 16/17. Eidot ha-Ha'arav Synagogues | 34. Porat Yosef Synagogue | 54. Chassidei Vizhnitz Synagogue |
| 18. The Kabbalist's Beit El Synagogue | 35. Hayel Olam Synagogue | 55. Chassidei Bratzlav Synagogue |
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| | 37. Sukat David Synagogue | 57. Kollel Gorodno Synagogue |
| | 38. Rabbi Meir Baal ha-Nes Synagogue | 58. Rabbi Pinhasel Synagogue |
| | 39. Georgian Jews' Synagogue | |

ON JERUSALEM DAY MAY 23, WE REMEMBERED IN REVERENCE THE

58 SYNAGOGUES

DESTROYED BY THE JORDANIAN ARAB LEGION AND PALESTINIAN RIOTERS DURING THE CAPTURE OF THE JEWISH QUARTER OF THE OLD CITY AND THE EXPULSION OF ITS INHABITANTS IN 1948. WE RECORDED THAT NO VOICE OF PROTEST WAS RAISED IN THIS REGARD BY CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD.

THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR A UNITED JERUSALEM



The editor and publisher of "*Whose Jerusalem?*" is considered one of Israel's leading mass-communicators, active in the fields of advertising, public relations and information for years.

- Headed Israel's largest advertising agency for twenty years.
- Conducted two Knesset election campaigns and the first recruiting drive of the Israeli army.
- Awarded the IAA Medal for activities in developing countries.
- Acted as the Israeli representative of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in the years 1976-1977.
- Published *Now The Story Can Be Told*, documenting P.L.O.'s activities during the war in Lebanon.
- *Israel in Medialand* was published during the intifada, 1989.
- Wrote the first text-book on advertising in Hebrew.
- Lectured at the Hebrew and Tel-Aviv Universities and at many international congresses.
- Served in the Israeli Army (Rank: Colonel) and with the British Eighth Army in World War II (Rank: Major).

Hereunder, a few excerpts from letters of appreciation:

Chaim Herzog:

"I congratulate you on the high standard and perfect execution of the World Jewish Congress Jubilee publication."

Menachem Begin:

"Your United Jerusalem Campaign is a great national project."

Yitzhak Shamir:

"The wealth of tangible examples, and quotes convince the reader of the justice of our case. All Israel's friends should be equipped with this important document."

Shimon Peres:

"Your ideas for the Knesset elections seem to me very appropriate - being both original and applicable."

Yitzhak Rabin:

"I congratulate you for the initiative, and enthusiasm invested in this publication. I do hope that it will result in better understanding of the problems facing the Israel Defense Forces."

Teddy Kollek:

"Jerusalem's story must be told again and again. I am glad you are bringing your talent and experience to the effort."

Senator Howell Heflin:

"I commend you on your leadership in media print. I look forward to receiving more of your excellent publications."

Benjamin Netanyahu:

"*The Quotation Pocket Book* is excellent! It is my intention to make extensive use of it."

Henry Kissinger:

"Your publication on the media coverage of the Arab-Israeli conflict is both interesting and illuminating."

Abba Eban:

"I have found in your publication the *M.E. Refugee Problem* a novel, fresh approach to an otherwise much discussed issue. Congratulations."

Herman Wouk:

"Your *Israel in Medialand* is superb work. By all means keep it up!"

Charles Krauthammer:

"Yours is an excellently done and visually arresting treatment of the subject, the best I can recall. I applaud your efforts. The sharper the spotlight, the better the result."

Otto von Habsburg:

"I am absolutely enchanted about the Jerusalem poster and want to congratulate you on the great work you are doing for a marvellous cause."

Martin Peretz:

"*Whose Jerusalem?* is a compelling and truthful argument written against the background of relentless lies. May your volume be read by millions."

David Ogilvie:

"Your small country, and you in particular, are to be praised for your efforts to harness the power of advertising to the public good - notably in Asia. More power to your elbow."

Battle for the holy city

ELIYAHU TAL

ON its 26th anniversary, Jerusalem Day has firmly established itself in the Jewish calendar. This year, it is being commemorated by a mass rally to Jerusalem of representatives of Jewish communities throughout the Diaspora, reminiscent of the pilgrimage to Jerusalem during Temple times.

Heartwarming as this manifestation of Jewish solidarity may be, one might well ask: "What is being done for Jerusalem the rest of the year?" The question is particularly pressing in the field of *hasbara*.

Selling Jerusalem to Jews is hardly necessary. After all, it is the only issue which enjoys complete consensus in an otherwise divided Jewish world. Unfortunately, this view is not shared by most of the rest of the world, including our closest friend, the US.

One cannot escape the feeling that the arena has been ceded to Arab propaganda, which has become more consistent and sophisticated over the years.

A modern Sheherazade has appeared on the scene in the person of the astute and slick-tongued Dr. Hanan Ashrawi. Like her, other Arab spokesmen are trying to rewrite the history of the Holy City, without even blushing.

Behind the cloak of academic credence and fine rhetoric lies pure propaganda. Among the assortment of half-truths and brazen distortions: the Palestinians are the descendants of the Jebusites, and therefore have an earlier claim to Jebus, i.e., Jerusalem; the biblical Philistines are the precursors of today's Palestinians; Jesus and St. Paul were Palestinian martyrs, etc.

One could dismiss such statements with an ironic smile, had they not already been absorbed into the general media and even penetrated prestigious publications. The damage is almost irreparable.

Unfortunately, we have played into the hands of our adversaries in more ways than one.

Israel has harmed its cause by adhering to the commonly used definition of Jerusalem as "the city holy to three faiths." This equation

is as dangerous as it is inaccurate, since it places the rights of the three religions on an equal footing. There is no denying that Jerusalem is holy to all three – but the degree of sanctity varies.

The fact is that Jerusalem is the heart of Judaism, the cradle of Christianity and only the third holiest city to Islam. This should be the major theme in the badly needed campaign for Jerusalem.

This basic error has been compounded by the perpetuation of the Dome of the Rock as the pictorial symbol of Jerusalem, in albums,

A long struggle over Jerusalem lies ahead. We cannot allow our opponents to be better equipped for it than we are

books, posters and advertisements – somewhat similar to the Eiffel Tower in Paris or Big Ben in London. Additional damage is caused by official Jewish sources referring to Jerusalem as a center of Moslem pilgrimage – which it most certainly is not.

WHAT is called for on our part is a broadly based, long-term campaign, unlike the beautiful publications printed by those entrusted with our information drive.

The very term *hasbara*, which means "explanation," reflects our mentality and strategy. We must stop being on the defensive and let the Arabs do the explaining.

In this controversy, Israel holds very good cards, which it has yet to play.

While branding the Jews as "newcomers" to Jerusalem, Faisal Hussein claims to trace his family tree back to Saladin. Fair enough; but so can we. Soon after Saladin's victory in 1187, Jews also began to return to the city. The largest contingent, comprising 300 rabbis from England and France, arrived in 1212. Since then, aliya has continued uninterruptedly.

Another cliché coined by the Arabs and adopted by the media is "Arab Jerusalem," when referring to the Old City. How many of Israel's friends, engaged in the ongoing debate over Jerusalem, are aware of the fact that Jews have constituted the largest sector of the city's population since 1820? Other similar myths can and should be exposed.

There is general agreement that once the Arab-Israeli conflict is on the agenda, the issue of Jerusalem will be the hardest to resolve. Jerusalem was the main note of discord at Camp David; Menachem Begin stated that Jerusalem was indivisible, while Anwar Sadat declared that all Israel's attempts to alter the status of the city were null and void. The gap between these opposing views has not narrowed since then.

Traditionally – and understandably – Israel has concentrated most of its *hasbara* efforts in the US. It is estimated that some 80 to 90 percent of available resources have gone into this.

Yet the US is far from being the only arena of concern to Israel. There are additional regional centers of influence in the world – and the Arabs have lost no time in establishing a strong presence, be it in Paris, Stockholm, Buenos Aires or Melbourne.

The battle over this sensitive political and religious issue is being fought with words and imagery rather than with guns and missiles. But well-meaning declarations in Congress, the Knesset or at Bin-yeney Ha'uma will not suffice.

The issue of Jerusalem is one of international proportions, and must be dealt with on a global scale. Both the Vatican and the Moslem world will insist on having a say in the matter, and it may be safely assumed that their attitudes will be less than friendly to Israel's position.

A long, hard struggle lies ahead. Have we laid the proper groundwork to meet the challenge? Are our Jewish and non-Jewish friends equipped with the necessary information tools to reinforce Israel's historical rights and refute our opponents' claims?

The writer is founder and chairman of the International Forum for a United Jerusalem.



כך כותבים

את ההיסטוריה

מחדש

והיד אינה

רועדת.

דר' חנן עשרווי, במסיבת עיתונאים בינלאומית,
ועידת מדריד, אוקטובר 1991.

"I am a Palestinian Christian, and I know what Christianity is.
I am a descendant of the first Christian in the world and Jesus
Christ was born in my country, my Land".

"האנציקלופדיה הפלשתינאית"
נדפסה בבירות 1978.

"Jerusalem is an Arab city because its first builders were the
Canaanite Jebusites whose descendants are the Palestinians.
Ever since the destruction of the Temple, the link with Jews and
Christians has been severed. Muslims alone have a right to the
Temple".

הנשיא אסד,

בנאום "יום הבעת" דמשק, מאי, 1990.

"The Jews who came to Palestine in our time are converts to
Judaism from the Khazars and have no link to the original Israelis
and no claim to the Land".

המועצה המוסלמית העליונה
ירושלים, "הארץ" 22.4.92

"זהותה הערבית של ירושלים נקבעה לפני 5000 שנה כשנוסדה העיר הערבית יבוס".

דוד שיפלר,

כתב בכיר, "ניו יורק טיימס" בטלוויזיה האמריקאית,
(צוטט בג'רוזלם פוסט", 21.6.1989).

"Jerusalem, the capital of many empires, the capital of many
nations, now it is the capital of Israel".

כריסטופר בוקר,

לונדון, "סנדי טלגרף", 4.8.1991

"Only for a comparatively tiny part of past 3000 years has this
profoundly symbolic place been a Jewish city".

אלכסנדר מק-לויד,

שידורי הבי.בי.סי, 21.3.1986

"Jerusalem - the heart of Islam"

פרופ' פיליפ קילברסטון,

מכללת סוואני, טנסי, ג'רוזלם פוסט, 13.10.1989

"The edifice known today as the Kotel never had any ritual significance
and is primarily Arab construction from the Fatimid period".

מוגש ע"י הפורום הבינלאומי למען ירושלים, ת.ד. 6771 תל-אביב



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our academic
committee such
fact sheets are
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countries.

כמה ירושלים יש בעולם ?

Jerusalem, Jerusalem Everywhere ...

Aided by its ten-member Academic Advisory Committee, the Forum conducts studies relating to specific, little-known aspects of the city's history. The latest topic researched by us is places throughout the world named after Jerusalem or its synonymous names. Below is a summary of our findings, which we believe is the first of this kind.

The accumulated data is not only from leading atlases, but has also been provided through the good offices of the cultural attaches of the foreign embassies in Israel and the British Council, to whom we are grateful.

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The endearment to the Holy City is expressed by calling many places after Jerusalem and its synonymous names. The map of the U.S.A. in particular, is dotted with such names. True, there is a Paris in Texas, a London in Ohio, a Cairo on the Mississippi and an Alexandria on the Potomac River. But no other city in the world has as many parallel names as Jerusalem.

Some 40 locations in the U.S.A. are called Salem - after Jerusalem's ancient name - the most famous one being the historic port of Salem, Massachusetts, which attained notoriety with the witchcraft trials of 1692. Salem is also the capital of the State of Oregon. Towns called Salem are also found in South Africa and in India.

The U.S. has at least six locations called Jerusalem, among them: Jerusalem in Conway, Arkansas, north of Little Rock (Pres. Clinton's home town); in Lake Country, California; in Franklin County, Maine; and in Monroe, Ohio.

There are ten villages called Jeruzal or Jerozolima in Poland. And one townlet in New Zealand in the region of Christchurch.

Twenty towns named Zion or Zionville can be found in the U.S. There are also a Zion National Park and Zion Mountain, both located in Utah. Lake Zion is located in Illinois, Zions Hill in Wales and in South Africa.

Sion is the capital of the Swiss canton of Valais. Places called Sion can also be found in France and Northern Ireland.

Moriah appears in New York State, Delaware, Iowa and Illinois, as well as in Trinidad - Tobago.

A WORLDWIDE SALUTE TO JERUSALEM INDEED !



(Sources: Collier's Atlas, Bartholemey's Atlas and Land of Our Fathers, by Lotte and Prof. Moshe Davis).

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No. 8

OCTOBER 1993

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BIBLE?

Without reading the Bible over and over again, one cannot grasp its deep meaning to both Jews and Christians.

- It takes 52 hours and 20 minutes at pulpit rate to read the Old Testament. And 18 hours and 20 minutes to read the New Testament. In other words, less than 12 minutes a day throughout the year.
- The Bible is easily accessible to 95% of the world's population. It has been translated into some 1300 languages and dialects.
- The Greek version, the Septuagint, supposedly done in 72 days by 72 translators and hence its name, dates back to the second century BCE. The Latin version, the Vulgate, was completed by St. Jerome in 404 CE.
- The Bible was the first book to be printed by Johann Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press (1437).
- The King James authorized version dates back to 1611 CE and the Martin Luther New Testament German translation dates 1522. The French translation of Jacques Lefevre was printed in 1509.
- The Bible and portions thereof have a roughly estimated circulation of 20 million copies per annum - the world's bestseller indeed.
- The Bible societies world-wide make the Book available at minimum cost price. Thus, one can find the Bible in hotels, hospitals and prisons.
- The name Jerusalem appears 657 times in the Hebrew Bible and 154 times in the New Testament. Zion is mentioned 152 times in the Old Testament, and it appears as Sion 7 times in the New Testament. Jerusalem (al-Kuds) is not mentioned a single time in the Koran.



Sources: The Britannica and Judaica encyclopedias.

Overleaf: See illustrations of the Old and New Testaments.

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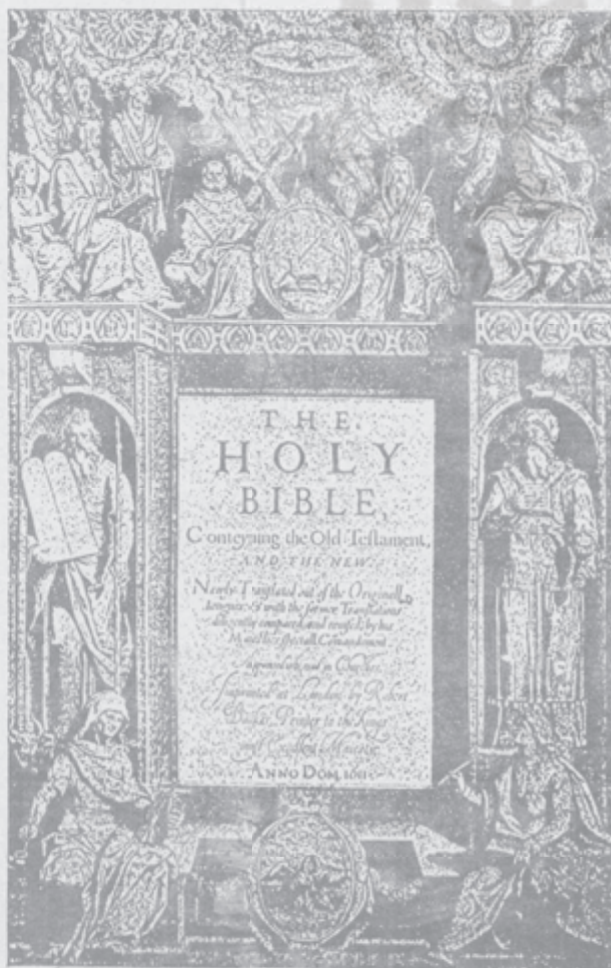
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A page from an Ashkenazi Bible depicting Jonah and the Whale, c. 1300.



Introductory page of the King James Version of the Holy Bible, London 1611.

Christians Who Care For Zion

Long before Herzl and Balfour, devout Christians were advocating the restoration of the Jewish State, with Jerusalem as its capital. What motivated these people to ally themselves with Zionist aspirations:

Was it their traditional love of the Bible?

Was it their belief that, without the Jews' return to the land promised them by the Lord, there would be no final redemption?

Was it a sense of guilt and remorse for the shameful persecution of the Jews from medieval times to the Holocaust, coupled with the desire to make amends for this historic injustice?

Whatever the reason, Christian Zionism is a special phenomenon to be admired.

The term "Christian Zionists" is applied today to some 90 million Evangelical Christians partly centered in the U.S. Bible Belt. Their devotion to Israel is not manifested by moral support alone. During the period of mass immigration from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia (1989-1993), they chartered planes and ships to bring the immigrants over and provided them with basic staples via their Jerusalem offices.

However, in a much broader sense, Christian Zionism encompasses a much larger number of followers from most of the Christian denominations. Overleaf, there are letters of support received from Catholics, Baptists, Methodists and others. Since its inception, one of the Forum's primary goals has been the fostering of relations with Christian organizations and individuals.

When the Jerusalem issue will come up on the international agenda, their staunch support will be inestimable.



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Early Christian Zionists:

1621 - Sir Henry Finch publishes a treatise on "The Restoration of the Jews."

1656 - Oliver Cromwell delivers a "Zionist" Speech at the Little Parliament.

1799 - Napoleon issues his manifesto on the return of the Land to its lawful heirs, the Jews.

1826 - President John Q. Adams writes "I sincerely wish the Jews a State in Judea."

1839 - Lord Shaftesbury draws up a plan for the resettlement of the Jews in Palestine.

1852 - Australian Colonel George Grawler, establishes the Association for Promoting Jewish Settlement in Palestine.

1866 - Henry Dunant, Swiss founder of the International Red Cross, issues an appeal that Jewish colonies be neutralized, like Switzerland.

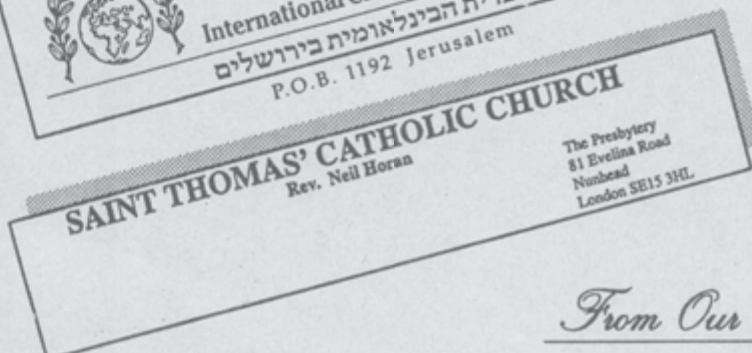
1876 - Canadian Rev. J.W. Beaumont sends to British Prime Minister Disraeli a plan called "Judea for the Jews."

1884 - Grand Duke Frederick of Baden tries to arrange a meeting between Dr. Herzl and the Kaiser.

1917 - Arthur Balfour issues his historic declaration about a Jewish National Home.

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From Our Mailbag

REV. Franklin Littell (Merion Station, PA, U.S.A.)

"It was the U.S.S.R. withdrawal from the East/West confrontational game that left the dictators no longer play the middle against both ends. To those who believe, it was the Lord who again has delivered Israel from her enemies (and sometimes friends)."

Rev. Petra Heldt (Ecumenical Fraternity, Ratisbonne Monastery, Jerusalem)

"I am indeed deeply impressed with the booklets and the poster. This material will be enormously helpful for visitors, pilgrims and guests of Jerusalem."

Pastor Buddy and Mrs. Murphrey (The Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, U.S.A.)

"We believe that He (Adonai) took "the Kingdom" from George Bush and gave it to Bill Clinton because of Genesis 12:3... As you can see, our flesh is gentile but our blood is Jewish."

Horst Piplack, Tübingen, Germany

"There (Jerusalem) I was, Anno Domini 1976, understanding and feeling, being with you and praying daily for you."

Rose Black (Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A.)

"I am approaching my 89th birthday and I would like to give my children your book "Whose Jerusalem?" for them to know the truth about Israel and Jerusalem before I leave the world."

Paula Brodin (Minneapolis, U.S.A.)

"Because of my love for Israel and for Jerusalem (Psalms 122:C) and for the love of God of Abraham, ~~Israel~~ and Jacob (Israel) I would like to join your Forum."

Isaac

Mirja Imponen (Oulo, Finland)

"Please send me 3-4 Jerusalem 3000 years poster. We pray daily for you. Only God brings peace."

Bill Escue (Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A.)

"Regardless of questionable relations in the past, a growing number believe in the central role of the nation of Israel in the fulfillment of Bible prophecy."

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March 4, 1994

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
TO: Rabbi Clifford Kulwin
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Thank you for warning me about Amishav.

To tell you the truth, I don't worry about my
"detractors." It is my friends that worry me.

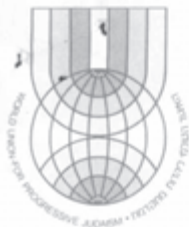
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February 22, 1994

FROM: Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin

TO: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Please look at the box on page four of the attached newsletter. You will see a familiar name.

I don't really know if there is anything you can do, or want to do, or even should do, but I am not sure utilization of your name this way is in your best interests. Amishav's work is not exactly universally admired and your detractors could probably use this.

In any case, I thought I would bring this to your attention.

Sincerely,

I never worry about
my detractors -



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What Is Amishav?

Amishav is an organization dedicated to finding lost and dispersed remnants of the Jewish people and to assisting those who wish to rejoin the Jewish community.

During the course of our history, large segments of the Jewish community were "lost" as a result of war, exile and forced conversions. The greater part of the Jewish people were "lost" in the eighth century B.C.E., when the ten northern Israelite tribes were conquered by Assyria and the captives were forcibly resettled. Today, these groups can be found in India, Burma, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and China.

Another large group of Jews was "lost" during the period of forced conversions to Christianity in Spain and Portugal in the 15th century. Many of these so-called "Marranos" continued to practice Judaism in secret. Their descendants can be found in Brazil, Mexico, the southwestern United States, and Majorca, as well as Spain and Portugal.

Under the directorship of its founder, Rabbi Eliyahu Avichail, Amishav has, for the last 29 years, undertaken a variety of activities worldwide on behalf of these dispersed groups, including research, contacts, education, financial assistance, conversion when requested and relocation to Israel if desired.

Amishav USA was formed as a tax-exempt charitable organization to assist Rabbi Avichail's work.

Discovering Brazilian Marranos

By Jacques Cukierkorn

Even though Natal, the capital of the Northeastern Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Norte, is not one of the main Jewish centers in Brazil, it has become the site of one of the most fascinating phenomena of Judaism in our times. After practicing Judaism in a hidden way for almost four centuries, some families of Marrano descent are shedding their Christian identity and returning to the faith of their Jewish ancestors.

Currently there are in Natal 12 Marrano families that, together with five newly arrived Jewish families, comprise the whole local Jewish population. They have joined in an effort to reorganize the extinct "Centro Israelita do Rio Grande do Norte" that closed its doors in 1967 due to lack of members.

The return of Marrano descendants to Judaism is not a new phenomenon, nor is it exclusive to Natal. Something similar happened in Portugal in the 1920's. The uniqueness of the Natal phenomenon lies in the fact that these people are willing to return to Judaism as a group, and that they have created a havurah or synagogue for this purpose.

I had the opportunity to visit with the Jewish/Marrano community of Natal in August of 1992 and in July of 1993. On both occasions, I went to Natal to do research for my Masters thesis, required for rabbinical ordination at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. I myself am Brazilian, a native of Sao Paulo.

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Group of Jews and Marranos gathers in Brazil.

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Marranos of Brazil

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During my 1992 visit to Rio Grande do Norte, I also visited some of the interior parts of the state since I had heard that I might find many people of Marrano descent in those areas. In Chapada do Apodi and Seroa do Seride, around 70 percent of the white population is of Marrano origin. ***I encountered several groups that still follow Marrano practices that resemble Jewish ones, such as abstaining from pork and shellfish; not kneeling in church; burying their dead in shrouds and mourning for them for seven days; cleaning the house and lighting candles on Friday night; leaving a stone on tombstones when visiting the cemetery; and fasting on the tenth day after the new moon of September.***

After visiting the interior, I stayed in Natal, the capital, and had contact with the local Marrano community that expressed a great desire to study and learn more about their ancestors' faith. Even though they had been receiving books and educational material from the Jewish community of Sao Paulo, the country's largest Jewish center, they wanted to learn more; their thirst for Jewish knowledge was not being quenched. Motivated by the desire to help in this endeavor, I returned to Natal in July of 1993.

I was able to get the Marc Rich Foundation's financial sponsorship for my educational mission to the Natal Marranos, which made it possible for me to serve as the "rabbi" of Natal for three weeks. During that period we celebrated Kabbalat Shabbat in the primitive shack that

houses the Centro Israelita do Rio Grande do Norte and I gave several classes and lectures.

I interviewed every member of the Marrano community of Natal, trying to better understand their motivations for wanting to return to Judaism. Most of them were very serious about returning to Judaism, and some even expressed the desire to move to Israel. On my last Shabbat in Natal I conducted a day-long seminar that was open to the whole community -- Jewish, Marrano and Gentile. That seminar, which received coverage by the local press, dealt with the basic concepts of the Jewish life cycle and the Jewish holidays. It included prayers, a kosher meal at lunch time, and prayers and havdala at the end of the day.

To my great surprise, I was told that there are other Marrano groups in the Brazilian Northeast. I had contact with Marrano groups from the states which are right above and below Rio Grande do Norte, Ceara and Paraiba -- with dozens of individuals who were interested in learning more about Judaism. The group in Paraiba was so excited about my presence in Natal that they sent their leader to have an interview with me.

Of the total Brazilian population of nearly 150 million, around 10 percent are of Marrano origin. Given this reality, there is a real possibility that new individuals and groups will appear who are willing to recover their Jewish ancestral heritage and identity. ***It is crucial that the Jewish community support the Marranos in the recouping of this heritage and identity.*** I hope that my research in the Brazilian Northeast will be but the first of many such efforts.

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Message from Rabbi Avichail

My Dear Friends in the USA:

Greetings from my little office in Israel! Since our last newsletter, I have been in Brazil, lecturing and attending meetings. In Sao Paulo we met with rabbis and with the "Shma Ami" association in order to find ways to help the descendants of Marranos. In Natal, I lectured before a mixed group of Marranos and Jews; I promised the assistance of Amishav to those who intend to lead full Jewish lives.

The importance of our visit in Brazil was the contacts we made in Sao Paulo and the cooperation and agreements which we came to with Shma Ami in regard to helping the descendants of the Marranos there (estimated to be some 3 million people). Shma Ami is run by a young man, a Marrano descendant himself, and a totally committed Jew today. The arrangement we came to with this organization was according to Amishav's policy and conditions. Preparation for conversions to Judaism will be made in Brazil, and we will arrange the actual conversions and aliyah through our contacts in the USA. We intend to send a suitable person to Brazil to assist in this project if we can raise \$10,000 a year as a budget.

And now an update on the Shinlung in Israel: The 41 Tribe of Menashe immigrants from India who arrived in Israel last August have been moved to Midreshet Hadarom. This has turned out to be a very positive location, and I am pleased with this arrangement. The Bnei Menashe work in agriculture in the mornings and spend their afternoons in intensive study, rediscovering their Jewish roots. **Obviously, their work does not begin to cover the cost of teaching and sustaining them. The rent on their rooms comes to \$20,000 a year; clothing and footwear will cost \$200 per person; equipment for classrooms costs \$4000; and so on!**

These people, who for hundreds of years were denied their roots, have come home to their homeland. We would love to bring you here to meet our newly discovered brethren and to see what is being done for



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them, and what they are doing for themselves. They are not sitting around, waiting for a handout. They work. If you are planning a trip to Israel, please contact me, and I will arrange for you to meet your cousins, these impressive immigrants.

We are confident that you in the Diaspora will want to be active partners in the absorption of Bnei Menashe.

Yours truly,

Eliyahu Avichail

Report from Mexico

By Richard A. Kulick

(excerpted from a monograph available from the author)

On a trip to Mexico last August, I found a fascinating and vibrant Jewish presence both extant and in the process of formation. I went as a representative of both Amishav and the DC Latin America Network of B'nai B'rith.

Mexico's total Jewish population is currently about 50,000, of whom some 70 percent are Ashkenazi, 25 percent Sephardi, and 4 to 5 percent converts. Of the converts, about 10 percent are of Marrano ancestry and 90 percent are indigenous Mexicans formerly Catholic or Protestant. Although 90 percent of Mexico's Jews live in Mexico City, there are small communities scattered around the country.

Mexican Jewish history commenced with the arrival of a group of Sephardi Jews from Syria in 1912, beginning a wave of immigration which brought about 25,000 Jews to the country by 1940; the majority Ashkenazi community had begun arriving after 1920.

There is only one rabbi in Mexico who currently accepts converts. Rabbi Samuel Lehrer, an Israeli-born rabbi ordained by Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook in Jerusalem in 1935, heads a Conservative bilingual (English/Spanish) congregation. He has converted some 2000 Mexicans to Judaism, mostly members of rural indigenous communities in Venta Prieta, Puebla, Jalapa, Veracruz and a havurah in Mexico City, and these congregations practice Judaism faithfully. About 20 percent of Rabbi Lehrer's converts have made aliyah to Israel.

Small communities of Jewish converts (indigenous Mexicans and Marranos) in Veracruz and Jalapa already

have a relationship with Amishav. Although Rabbi Lehrer originally converted these groups (about 50 families) under Conservative auspices, some of their leadership wished to undergo Orthodox conversion. Some members of the Orthodox community referred them to Rabbi Avichail, who came to Veracruz and Jalapa in 1991 and converted them again. Thereafter, about 70 percent of the 100 or so members of the Veracruz synagogue made aliyah to Israel.

The communities in Veracruz and Jalapa are continuing to hold weekly services in members' homes (in Jalapa) or maintain the synagogue building (in Veracruz). The Jalapa group is sorely in need of a sefer torah scroll, and a group of indigenous Mexican and Marrano converts in Mexico City is in need of siddurim (in Spanish and Hebrew), tzitzit, kipot, tefillin, a sefer torah and other worship objects. In addition, as Rabbi Lehrer is in his late 70's, we strongly feel that the 700 or so Jews in indigenous communities deserve additional rabbinic leadership.

I have found the effort made by myself and others to secure mainstream assistance for these groups disappointing. One organization's response was: "We don't need any more poor Jews, we have enough work to do with REAL ones!" Accordingly, Amishav is establishing a Mexico Mitzvah Fund to assist these communities. Contributions to Amishav should specify the "Mexico Mitzvah Fund."

I would like very much to hear from individuals interested in learning more about these groups and from individuals interested in finding out precisely what they can do to help. I can be reached at 3025 Ontario Road, NW #309, Washington, DC 20009, (202) 328-0876.



Rabbi Lehrer officiates at a group conversion in Jalapa.

A NEW FRIEND

The following letter dated November 3 was received by Barbara Shair at Amishav's New York office:

Dear Barbara:

While my area of primary concern is the American landscape, I am most sympathetic with your own efforts and of course I wish you well. If there is anything at all that I can do to help you, please let me know.

With warm regards, I am
Sincerely,
Alexander M. Schindler
President, Union of American
Hebrew Congregations

Why I Joined Amishav USA

By Lawrence J. Epstein

One of the characteristics of a really successful and important Jewish organization is that it be able to draw a variety of people to do important work. It is hard to imagine more important work than reviving Judaism among those who have been lost to the Jewish people.

This important task brings people together with very different motivations. I know that some people who join Amishav USA do so because of demographic reasons. They see increasing numbers of Jews, especially in Israel, as valuable because the more Jews there are, the more secure is the Jewish future. Others join because of religious reasons; they see the return of people who may have been Jews at one time as the dawn of redemption. Still others participate because Amishav is engaged in a vast humanitarian rescue mission. Some members believe the stories of those rescued are inspirational and, because they are, will influence Jews to have a deeper attachment to their heritage.

I think all of these are excellent reasons, and I find some value in all of them. ***I know that the pluralism of reasons for joining strengthens an organization, and I find the various reasons why people become interested very fascinating.*** In this article, though, I would like to focus on one more reason, maybe an idiosyncratic one, but nevertheless the principal reason for my interest in Amishav USA.

I have a long-standing interest in the general subject of conversion to Judaism. I have written an academic book on the subject, a curriculum for Jewish schools, a bibliographical and encyclopedia article, and many other articles on the subject. Next year I will publish a guidebook for converts to Judaism, and I just signed a contract to edit a book on the subject.

At first, my interest in conversion was practical. I saw it as a way to increase the number of Jews and decrease the number of intermarriages.

I also had a personal reason. I had been raised in a very secular home with only a little Jewish upbringing. My knowledge of and attachment to Judaism were very weak. ***When, in my early 20's, I rediscovered my Jewish heritage, I felt very much like what a convert must feel like. Therefore, I feel an emotional kinship with those who voluntarily choose to become Jewish.***

When I read that Rabbi Eliyahu Avichail was going around the world finding people he thought might be connected to the Ten Lost Tribes, who wanted to practice Judaism, I was intrigued by the exotic nature of the subject, although I maintained a healthy skepticism about all such claims. As I learned more about Amishav's work, I discovered that Rabbi Avichail was not just conferring renewed Jewish status on these people, but was helping many come to Israel to undergo formal conversion.

This was very important to me. When one undergoes conversion to Judaism, the actual fact that he is a descendant of the Ten Lost Tribes becomes less important than the fact that he wishes to become Jewish and live his life out building up the sacred land of Israel.

Such efforts to help people become Jewish are exactly what my reading had led me to define as part of the Jewish covenantal obligation. My interest in conversion to Judaism, in seeing the active welcoming of people who voluntarily wish to become Jewish as a divinely-inspired Jewish mission to be a light unto the nations, is being played out in real life by Amishav. I knew that I had to get involved.

My guess is that not very many people have joined Amishav for a reason similar to mine. Perhaps, not many people even agree with the conclusions I have drawn. But I think such differences are enriching. ***I hope other members of Amishav USA will write in to explain their own reasons for joining.*** Readers who have questions or are interested in discussing my views can contact me c/o English Department, Suffolk Community College, 533 College Road, Selden, NY 11784.

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From the Editor

WHY GIVE? ONE PERSON'S REASON

I've been donating some time to Amishav USA since its inception, but two events in my life in October helped me focus on why I should support the organization financially as well.

First, I read my August 1993 issue of *Moment Magazine*, which had as its cover story and theme "Jews in Cults". While I had read much about cults before, some of the information was new to me. I learned from Arnold Markowitz's article that three-quarters of those who join cults are relatively balanced, successful people from upper-middle income, intact and educated families. The author suggested three reasons for the disproportionate number of Jews in cults or cult-like groups: They are open to alternative political and theological ideas, they attend college or university (where cults recruit most energetically), and Jewish families are sometimes too close and don't allow for appropriate separation. Committed Jews are not immune. The article by David and Livia Bardin gives a moving account of their son's involvement in a destructive cult -- even though he had graduated from Jewish day schools and young adult programs, spoke Hebrew, lived in Israel as a boy, and returned twice as a youth. The magazine noted that the average cost to deprogram a former cult member ranges from \$18,000 to \$30,000.

The very next day I encountered a long-time acquaintance at the supermarket. We had not seen

each other in several years and quickly got caught up. Our sons had gone to high school together, and I knew that their family was fundamentalist Christian and that their son had been pulled out of biology class when the topic of evolution was discussed. I now learned that their daughter teaches second graders in "a messianic school for Jews" in the Washington area.

That night my husband and I wrote out a check for \$600 to Amishav USA to cover the cost of transporting a Shinlung immigrant from India to Israel. I began to feel much better!

Yes, we all know we are losing Jews to intermarriage, to cults, to other religions, to indifference. I agree with many that education is a vital tool in turning around this situation. Unlike some, however, I do not place my focus on replacing lost numbers; quality is more important than quantity to me. What I have come to appreciate, though, is the irony that allows many Jews to wring their hands in despair over the intermarriage rate and yet to ignore the plight of our cousins, shown by impressive scholarship to be from the Ten Lost Tribes, who have maintained their identity through 27 centuries of hardship. Many are practicing Jews eager to study further in Israel, and some to relocate there. They deserve at least as much attention -- and financial support -- as those who are *leaving* Judaism.

Don't you agree?

K.P.

Choose-A-Mitzvah

Here's what your tax-deductible contribution to "Amishav USA" can buy:

\$ 5,000	Trip to Pakistan for Pathan contact and research
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\$ 200	Work clothes and other immediate needs of a Shinlung immigrant
\$ 55	Siddurur and Chumash for a Shinlung in Israel or India
\$ 10	A Portuguese copy of <i>Judaism</i> for a Portuguese or Brazilian Marrano

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler
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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing to invite you to be a member of the Advisory Council of a recently formed group called the Religious Consultation on Population, Reproductive Health and Ethics.

The primary goal of the Consultation is to facilitate greater participation in the discourse about population by those who can articulate religious and ethical perspectives. This input will ultimately assist in the formulation and adoption of international policies that are rooted in social justice. The project is especially timely as the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) will be held in Cairo in September, 1994, under the auspices of the United Nations.

As I have begun to work on this issue, it is increasingly clear that in population and development circles there is, for the most part, a serious lack of appreciation of the positive contribution that religious thought and ethical values can make to the debate. Indeed, religions are broadly perceived to be an obstacle, not a contributor, to policy development. This is due in part to the nature of the role played by more conservative religious institutions, as well as to caricatures of religious groups by some secular participants. It is also the result of the lack of a sustained interest and public participation in the debate by religious groups and scholars. The Consultation will respond to these problems in a number of ways.

Our projected approach is to highlight the sins of the developed world's environmental profligacy rather than to focus simplistically on the inflationary demographic numbers. Stressing the privileged role of women, Third World people, and people of color in education for personal responsibility and ethically sound population policies, we want to counter the tendency to blame the poor for reproducing while ignoring global disparities in access to reproductive and basic health care, education, and economic well-being.

We will hold symposia, convene several working groups, publish bibliographies, and link religious scholars and activists with the population, environment, and family planning communities. We will also facilitate the participation of religious and ethical leaders both in the preparatory process leading up to the ICPD and in the Cairo conference itself.

Talk to Jerry

discuss the S.A. Israel trip
call Jerry Epstein
What's the status?
Why not as a consultant?
Mr. Eric
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make the decision and I believe
now

Heidi Felix
called me
I agreed to
go on

While the Consultation is in the early stages of formation, we have already had the opportunity to participate in PrepComm II, the second preparatory meeting for the ICPD held in New York in May. At the request of the NGO Steering Committee for the ICPD, we organized a panel consisting of Azizah al-Hibri, a Muslim philosopher and jurist; Rev. James. B. Martin-Schramm formerly of the Union Theological Seminary; and myself. The panel was well received and a proceedings will be published within the next month.

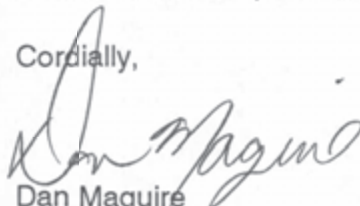
We have benefitted from the advice of both Larry Rasmussen and Krister Stendahl, among others, in the development of our invitation list and our focus. Frances Kissling from Catholics for a Free Choice has agreed to take on responsibility for fundraising, as well as acting as liaison with the women's health community. To date, thanks to her efforts, we have received an initial planning grant from the Ford Foundation as seed funding toward organizing the Consultation as an independent tax exempt institution.

I sincerely hope you will agree to serve as an advisor to the project. Beyond lending your name to the Consultation and agreeing to put these issues on your own agenda in some way, the extent of your participation is up to you. As advisors, we will keep you informed of current thinking on the issues, including sending you various publications for your own use. We will ask you to suggest names of colleagues who are doing work in this field, and occasionally to read or review a paper or publication. If your interest is stronger, we will include you in a speakers' roster and invite you to participate in working groups, to represent the Consultation at meetings here and abroad, to participate in the Conference, even the Cairo meeting itself. There will be a first meeting of those who have agreed to be advisors March 18-19 in Washington.

Should you agree to accept this invitation, please send us a C.V. for our files. An envelope is provided for your response.

I hope to hear from you soon. I must stress "soon," because we are in the process of making plans for the coming months. You may feel free to contact me at 414/961-0139, which is my home and office number.

Cordially,



Dan Maguire
President

Enclosure

**The Religious Consultation on Population, Reproductive Health and Ethics
Response Form**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone, fax, telex, email _____

I am willing to serve as an advisor to the Consultation yes ☐ no ☐

I anticipate a low ☐ moderate ☐ high ☐ level of involvement.

A short c.v. is enclosed yes ☐ no ☐

A list of others I think you should invite is attached (please list name, address, phone and fax numbers, email address and telex if applicable)

Please return to Dan Maguire, The Religious Consultation on Population, Reproductive Health and Ethics in the enclosed envelope.



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