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April 1, 1996 12 Nisan 5756

Rabbi Ephraim H. Sturm 774 Empire Avenue Far Rockaway, NY 11691

Dear Ephraim:

It was good to hear from you and I do hope all goes well with you.

While the topic of your letter is not one any of us are pleased about, I do appreciate your thoughtfulness in seeking to be of help. You should know the distress you feel is shared by many and by now I trust you have seen the letter which I signed along with other past presidents of the Presidents' Conference. Hopefully, it will be published.

Your comments are very much appreciated but I do hope at this point further discussion will be unnecessary. I will, at some point, share your thoughtfulness and wish to be of help to him with Malcolm but without any discussion of your transfer concept.

With warm regards and every good wish for a sweet and happy Pesach, I am

Sincerely,

RABBI EPHRAIM H. STURM

774 Empire Avenue Far Rockaway, New York March 25, 1995 11691

Rabbi Alex Schindler Union of Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York City, New York

Dear Alex, 66'6e

When, after 45 years of service, I left Young Israel some three years ago, I was disappointed, to say the least, with those in the Orthodox field who stood aside while Young Israel was maligning me - even to the extent that Rabbi Lerner, my successor, announced that he was called in to undo all that I did in 45 years and that my name would never again be mentioned in Young Israel.

Consequently, I resolved not to involve myself in Jewish affairs.

However, Malcolm's problems as I read in the Forward warrants an exception. I've admired Malcolm since the long long ago day when I sponsored him for the

presidency of the Young Israel Intercollegiate Council. Since then he has gone from strength to strength making him one of the most capable of Jewish leaders and an asset to the Conference of Presidents.

Since I am no longer invited to the Conference of Presidents' meetings or events, I can't personally help Malcolm. Frankly I cannot bring myself to call the leaders of the Orthodox members - with the exception of Mendy Ganchrow who preferred "not to get involved" when I was in Malcolm's present situation.

However, I believe that because of your sense of fairness, I can turn to you.

I am convinced that Malcolm's critics are actually transferring their evaluation of

Chaim Kaminetsky to Malcolm because of Malcolm's closeness to Mr. Kaminetsky. If you think that there is some value in my interpretation of events then would you talk to Charlotte, Shoshana Cardin, Julie, Rabbi Miller, and others.

You may even want to suggest to Malcolm to distance himself from Chaim

Kaminetsky less the critics look with a jaundiced eye upon Malcolm and his family being the Passover guests of Chaim Kaminetsky in Hawaii.

Unfortunately, in Jewish public life, one must be even more pure than Caeser's wife.

With all best wishes for a ner res ch,

P.S. Alex, you may at your discretion tell Malcolm that I asked you to help. But please do not reveal to him my transfer concept or to my suggestion that Malcolm distance himself. I don't need any more Young Israel problems!!



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Leon Levy and Malcolm Hoenlein Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 110 East 59th Street New York, NY 10022

Dear Leon and Malcolm:

I approve of the letter you are sending to the presidents of Young Israel and the ZOA. Feel free to use my name and append my signature.

The letter from Kaminetzky is disingenous to put it mildly (although that is not the fault of his member congregations).

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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TO UAHC



Leon Levy Cheirman

Malcolm I. Hoenlein Executive Vice Chairman

December 22, 1995

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

Enclosed is the letter which is to be sent to ZOA and Young Israel, as per our discussion last week. We ask you to review it and to authorize my listing you as a signatory.

I greatly appreciate your giving this your prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

Leon Levy Chairman

P.S. I thought you might find the enclosed article from Young Israel of interest.



110 East 59th Street, New York, NY 10022 . (212) 318-6111 . FAX # (212) 644-4135

TO UAHC

December 22, 1995

I write to you to express our indignation at your organization's action in advance of the extraordinarily moving and successful event at Madison Square Garden on December 10, 1995 in which the American Jewish community paid tribute to the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and demonstrated its solidarity with the government and people of Israel and the pursuit of peace. Prior to writing this letter, I consulted with the undersigned former chairmen of the Conference of Presidents who join me in expressing these views.

The theme and program of the memorial tribute were crafted with the overwhelming support of the Conference member organizations as voiced at our November 12 meeting and the subsequent conference call of November 21. (Name of org) participated in these deliberations and took part in the vote, but did not indicate then or subsequently that your opposition would be expressed by undertaking a public campaign against the consensus. Moreover, you conveyed to people that your mind was still open to participating in the event at the very time your *New York Times* ad had already been committed. Such behavior is unacceptable.

It is your right to have sought changes in the program and even to opt not to participate. But, in actively discouraging attendance at the event through your full page ad in the New York Times, you sought to undermine this communal endeavor and exceeded the limit of respectful disagreement. In our experience there is no precedent for a member of the Conference of Presidents to so blatantly seek to subvert an initiative joined in unanimously by fifty-one other members of the Conference. Fortunately, the rally was a great success but your actions reflect a failure to respect your colleagues, the Conference and its cosponsors. For that reason your conduct is to be censured.

Since its inception, the Conference of Presidents' democratic process has always allowed for debate and resolution, agreement and dissent. No member organization of the Conference is forced to abide the consensus view if they disagree with it and there are examples of organizations who have expressed views which are at variance from the consensus, including yourselves. But your actively seeking to subvert a Conference public event, let alone one of such historic significance that had at its core a memorial to the fallen Prime Minister, goes beyond the acceptable bounds of dissent.

We call on you to recognize that your action, which was exacerbated by the zeal with which you pursued your objectives, was inappropriate.

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GERALD L. KAUFMAN CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

December 22, 1995

To:

Rabbis and Presidents of all Young Israel Synagogues

From:

Chaim Kaminetzky, National President

With regard to numerous phone calls we have received, please be advised that the ad which appeared in the New York Times on Friday, December 8, 1995 was supposed to appear, at our request, on Monday, December 11th with a heading "WHY WEREN'T WE THERE?"

Also, please be aware that at no time did any member of the Administration of National Council of Young Israel ever tell any member not to attend the Unity Rally at Madison Square Garden.

February 16, 1995 16 Adar 1 5755

Malcolm Hoenlein, Exec. Vice President Presidents' Conference 155 East 59th Street New York, NY 10022

Dear Malcolm:

The Union staff is in the throes of the creating the UAHC 1995-96 budget. For many reasons this process is more difficult than has been the case in the past and we may well be forced to make some cut backs.

Indeed, it is possible that our subvention to the Presidents' Conference will be frozen or even reduced. You will recall my past requests for a full survey of organizational dues to the Conference. If we do not have this data for a comparison, I cannot guarantee what sum will be allocated once the Budget Committee determines a final budget. We will meet on March 19 so I hope you will get this information to me as soon as possible.

Many thanks and kindest greetings.

Sincerely,

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November 21, 1994 18 Kislev 5755

Dr. Michael Schatz 6528 Belle Glade Avenue San Diego, CA 92119

Dear Dr. Schatz:

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It pleased me to learn that you had called to advise that the Board of Temple Emanu-El would be discussing the letter received concerning MUM.

Your concern that a lessening of income from MUM dues would have an adverse effect on the programs and services the Union provides for its member congregations is well taken. Given our economy even a budget which remains fixed creates an inability to develop new programs and might even necessitate a cutting back in current programs. After all, costs for postage, paper, phone, labor and allied services do not remain static and, of course, these are all involved in creating the programs and service we provide member congregations.

I do hope you were able to convey your concerns to the Emanu-El leadership and I would very much wish to know of their reaction and comments. As you know, we will discuss this matter at our December 1-4, 994 Board of Trustees meeting in Tampa. Mr. Holland will give a brief presentation to the Board and we will allow time for questions and answers.

Again, my thanks for your expression of appreciation for the Union's efforts.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

CONFIDENTIAL

February 6, 1991 22 Shevat 5751

Ms. Shoshana Cardin 3624 Anton Farms Road Pikesville, MD 21208

Dear Shoshana:

I meant what I said: your leadership of the Conference has been splendid.

In Washington there was one small but important matter which disturbed me and I want to share it with you. When Malcolm explained that those who were at the State Department would not go to the White House, he said "the President determined the make-up of our delegation," or something along these lines.

I would have been happy with the explanation that some people were picked to go to the Baker meeting and others to go to the White House. That's the only way you can function and you have to do the picking. Malcolm's explanation, if true, is something which simply cannot be countenanced. No one in the Executive or Legislative branches of our government has the right to determine who will and who will not represent the Jewish community. You are the only one who is enfranchised to do so -- by us. I hope you agree.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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November 27, 1989 29 Heshvan 5750

Kenneth J.Bialkin, Esq. 919 Shird Avenue New York, NY 10022

Dear Ken:

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has no names to submit to the Nominating Committee of the Presidents' Conference. We will be delighted to second the re-nomination of Seymour Reich for a second one year term.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

bcc; Seymour Reich, Esq.



Seymour D. Reich Chairman

Malcolm I. Hoenlein Executive Director

November 24, 1989

To: Presidents and Executive Directors From: Kenneth J. Bialkin, Chairman Nominating Committee

Election for Chairman must be held before December 31, when the year term ends. The incumbant, Seymour Reich, is eligible to serve a second one year term. In accordance with Conference procedure we are soliciting nominations from member organizations. Please submit nominations to me by mail, care of the Conference office or by phone (my office number is (212) 735-2130.)

We would like to submit the committee's recommendations by December 1 and ask for your prompt response.

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> December 13, 1990 26 Kislev 5751

Mr. Seymour Reich Chairman Presidents' Conference 515 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022

Dear Seymour:

Unfortunately, I must be out of town and cannot attend the Elections Meeting of the Presidents' Conference. I have asked Rabbi Daniel Syme, our Vice President to represent me at this meeting and to cast the Union's vote for Shoshona Cardin, now the Nominating Committee's choice.

This gives me an opportunity to thank you for your splendid service, although I am confident that there will be other public functions acknowledging your diligence and effectiveness, but I might as well begin the process now.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Malcolm I. Hoenlein Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

BCC: SHOSHONA CARDEN



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November 21, 1990 4 Kislev 5751

Rabbi Mark N. Staitman Rodef Shalom Temple Fifth and Morewood Avenues Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Dear Mark:

Thank you so much for following up on your conversation with Edie Miller in regard to the Presidents' Conference. She told me of your suggestion concerning Shoshana and I hasten to assure you that I also hold her in high regard. There was really no need to write, but I thank you for having done so.

I have worked with Shoshana on many projects and have come to respect her highly. Her name was also suggested by others for the post of Chairman of the Presidents' Conference and I can assure you that it is among those being considered.

With repeated thanks and warmest thanks, I am

Sincerely,

November 13, 1990

25 Cheshvan, 5751

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

Dear Alex:

I had an opportunity today to talk with Edie Miller and wanted simply to emphasize my point through this letter. As a member of the Nominating Committee for the Conference of Presidents, you bear a difficult responsibility. With rising anti-Semitism, the difficulties in Israel and the perceived fragmentation in the American Jewish community, the next president of the Conference of Presidents will need to be someone with special ability and unique talents. I have been privileged to work with Shoshana Cardin through the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Shoshana's quick mind and ability to understand the complexities of a situation have allowed her to understand and comprehend the radical changes in the Soviet Union as they take place. Shoshana has proven herself to be a superb interpreter of the problems of Soviet Jewry, both to our government and that of the Soviet Union. I have watched Shoshana in meetings with congressmen and senators, the Secretary of State and his staff, the Vice President, the Soviet Ambassador to the United States and his staff, and the Soviet Assistant Foreign Minister for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. Shoshana has, in all of these instances, been able to press our points without antagonizing and with a spirit which allowed for sincere and open questions.

In addition to Shoshana's abilities in dealing with governmental officials she has the capacity to bring diverse Jewish organizations together. I am sure you were aware of the animosity that existed between NJCRAC and the National Conference just a few years ago. As a result of that animosity it was virtually impossible for the National Conference and NACRAC to work together. Under Shoshana's leadership a fine working relationship has been forged and, though not all of the problems have been resolved, the Soviet Jewry movement is able to benefit from the best skills and talents of both agencies. The Union of Councils is the "competitor" of the National Conference. In the past the Union of Councils and National Conference had little contact with each other and worked, often at cross purposes, on similar projects. Under the leadership of Shoshana there have been regular meetings between both the lay leadership and the staff of the two agencies. There is considerably less duplication of effort and much more cooperation thanks to Shoshana's leadership.

As Reform Jews I think it is important that we remember the role Shoshana played during the "Who Is A Jew" controversy. At great personal expense Shoshana led the delegation from the "GA" to Israel concerning "Hok Ha Sh'vut." Shoshana's personal commitment to pluralism and her sense of the importance of K'lal Yisroel made her a most effective advocate. Her leadership in this issue has cost her personal relationships with members of the traditional community. I know that these friendships were of real importance to Shoshana. In spite of the rift, her leadership caused on a personal level, it has had no effect professionally. She continues to maintain close professional relationships in Soviet Jewry with Rabbi Schindler Page 2 November 13, 1990

the Orthodox community. Not only "liberals" like Haskel Lookstein work closely with Shoshana, but those who worked hard to exclude us continue to work with her and respect her (Avi Weiss, Jacob Birnbaum, etc.) How marvelous it is that one can have a commitment to principles and still retain the respect and cooperation of those who disagree so violently.

I believe that the coming years will be ones in which the American Jewish community will need strong representation with our government and a credible responsive voice. Shoshana has the talents, abilities and qualities which make her that person. I would urge you to support Shoshana as the next President of the Conference of Presidents.

Sincerely,

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Mark N. Staitman

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January 7, 1991 21 Tevet 5751

Seymour D. Reich, Esq. 101 Park Avenue New York NY 10016

Dear Seymour:

Much to my regret, the tribute luncheon being tendered by the Presidents' Conference on the completion of your term as Chairman has been called for a time when I will be in California. The conflict distresses me, for nothing would give me greater pleasure than to join with your many friends and admirers in expressing heartfelt appreciation for all of your efforts in behalf of the Jewish people.

Your term of office as Chairman of the Presidents' Conference came at a very difficult time for Israel and the Jewish community. You handled yourself with statesman like dignity and represented our Conference with style, understanding, intelligence and integrity. We were most fortunate to have had you in such a key position at this time. You have rightly earned the admiration and esteem of all of us who have worked with you in behalf of Israel and K'Lal Yisrael.

While I cannot be present personally, please know that I shall be with you in heart and thought and spirit. From afar I extend my deepest gratitude for all that you are and all that you do.

With every good wish and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

BCC: MALCOLM HOENLEIN



Seymour D. Reich

Malcolm I. Hoenlein Executive Director

January 2, 1991

To: Presidents Conference Leadership From: Shoshana S. Cardin, Chairman Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Director

You are cordially invited to a luncheon in honor of Seymour D. Reich on the completion of his term as Conference Chairman.

The luncheon will be held on Thursday, January 17, at 12:30 pm at UJA-Federation, 130 East 59th Street in the ballroom.

Please respond to Fiona Sharpe at (212) 752-1616 no later than January 14 to confirm you attendance.

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CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Seymour D. Reich Chairman

Malcolm I. Hoenlein Executive Director July 31, 1990

> To: Presidents Conference Executives (Please share with your President) From: Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Director

1. A recent Evans & Novak column misquoted Conference Chairman Seymour D. Reich. In a letter to them, he said, in part, "The column incorrectly says that "I agree with Ted Mann" that the U.S. dialogue with the PLO in Tunis has "proved to be a valuable channel..to advance the peace process and should be restarted as soon as possible." I hold no such view. The statement attributed to me is both mistaken and misleading."..."When the State Department did break off the dialogue, I welcomed this action on behalf of the Conference of Presidents. This view is held, in my judgement, by the overwhelming majority of American Jews."..."The reported allegation that I (or the Conference) fear telling the Israelis the truth about the Israel-US relationship is absurd on its face. The implication of such a statement is that the Israelis exist in some sort of communication vacuum, and have to be told by bystanders about the status of their relationships with other nations." Seymour Reich was told by Evans & Novak that the letter will be distributed for publication to the newspapers which ran the column.

2. Please note: Foreign Minister David Levy will address the Conference on <u>August 13</u> - details will be sent shortly. The Conference will be paying tribute to Amb. Moshe Arad at a luncheon on Monday, <u>September 10</u>. The annual Yehuda Hellman Memorial lecture will be given by Sen. Daniel Inouye on Wednesday, <u>August 22</u>, 4:00pm at 515 Park Avenue.

3. The Conference will be moving (along with our friends in 515 Park) to 110 East 59th St. at the end of August. Please forgive telephone and other logistical problems that will result.

4. The Conference has expressed condolences to the family of Marnie Kimmelman, who was killed by the terrorist bomb on a Tel Aviv beach. You can write her parents at:

Dr. & Ms. Harold Kimmelman 21 Truman Road Toronto, Ontario M2L 2L4

5. We have continued following up on the plight of Ethiopian Jewry and have been in contact with key administration officials and others involved. The Foreign Minister of Ethiopia visited Washington and was told that this issue was the key to better US-Ethiopian relations. Immigrations was cut off for several weeks. We now await fulfillment of promises of full resumption.

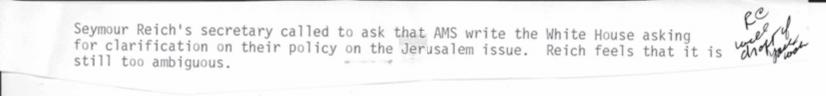
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CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Seymour D. Reich Chairman

Malcolm I. Hoenlein Executive Director

March 6, 1990

TO: Presidents Conference Leadership

FROM: Malcolm Hoenlein

There have been many developments in the past day. Seymour Reich spoke to President Bush regarding his statement at Saturday's press conference in which he opposed settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Following that conversation, the White House issued the attached statement which still contains certain ambiguities. We are seeking further clarification and urge that the issue of Jerusalem be given top priority attention in all communications.

Also attached is an unofficial translation of the Likud position adopted at their meeting last night. We are in contact with Israeli leaders to ascertain the meaning and likely responses to the declaration. Labor party leaders have reacted angrily to the Likud's stance and rejected the demands. We await the meeting on Wednesday for the next step.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

March 5, 1990

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY.

The President talked by telephone this afternoon with Seymour Reich, President of the Conference of Presidents of American Jewish Organizations. The President urged Mr. Reich and all those who shared his concern for the Middle East to continue to devote themselves to bringing about as soon as possible a pre-elections dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians. This remains the surest path available to promoting a peace that would ensure Israeli security and the legitimate political rights of Palestinians.

The President also reiterated that U.S. policy toward Jerusalem is unchanged. The United States supports a united Jerusalem whose final status is determined by negotiations. The President also made clear U.S. support for Jews as well as others to live there in the context of a negotiated settlement. The President also reiterated long-standing U.S. policy that all parties avoid unilateral actions, including settlement activity.

The President also used the occasion of his conversation with Mr. Reich to state his strong support for the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, and made it clear that the United States will oppose any efforts designed to frustrate this human right. The President expressed his Administration's support for proposed housing investment guarantees provided the United States and Israel can work out assurances that satisfy the United States on settlement activity.

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Israel is interested in continuing the peace process in accordance with its own peace initiative and to have the proposed meeting with a Palestinian delegation in order to prepare the modalities of the election in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

In order to bring this meeting to success, Israel must speak with one voice. To accomplish this, there must be an understanding between the Likud and the Ma'arach on two vital and basic subjects:

 A commitment to Israeli sovereighty over a united Jerusalem.

There cannot be any question that Jerusalem is the sovereign, united capital of the State of Israel. Therefore, Arabs from East Jerusalem cannot participate in the process of the peace initiative by voting or being elected. Any such participation will inevitably mean the division of Jerusalem.

 Prevention of the domination by the P.L.O. of the peace process.

Attempts by or on behalf of the P.L.O. to dominate the process in any way will bring to a halt the plans to meet in Cairo and force Israel to withdraw from the meeting. If Israel were to accept the penetration of the P.L.O. in the peace process, it would entrench a Palestinian threat that would endanger the survival of the State of Israel and bring to fruition Palestinian claims to the right of return.

Acceptance by the Ma'arach of these subjects will enable the continuation and swift advancement of the peace process.

Edie ---

The original Assidents' Conference d has been killed, and they are running instead a very general ad welcoming Shamir to the United States, expressing hope that his visit will lead to peace, etc.

Alex knows all this, and has approved.

In the meantime, they are looking for money. I did not want to speak for the Union, so the Presidents' Conference will call you this morning to ask how much the UAHC can contribute.

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Martin Raffle called. Mants Rathe Shindlein reaction to thead. guecall



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> 10: Presidents Conference Leadership

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Enclosed is the copy of an ad which we want to place in the New York Times or the Washington Post this Wednesday morning, prior to the Prime Minister's meeting with the President. The cost Will be apportioned among the agencies. We ask that you contact the office immediately (no later than 2:00 p.m.) with your conmitment.

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The American Jewish Community Greets Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Israel on His Arrival in the United States

As the Prime Minister of Israel begins his visit to our nations's capital, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations wishes him success in his journey of peace and in his efforts to implement the peace initiative his government has put forward for resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

As we welcome Prime Minister Shamir to our shores, we declare these principles representing the views of the 50 national Jewish organizations in the Conference:

1) Israel is a vital strategic asset and reliable ally of our country and a rampart of freedom and democracy in the Middle East. Its security is a matter of deep and abiding concern to Jews everywhere. We will not be silent if that security is put at risk.

2 Israel's bold initiative for peace merits the strong support it has received from our Government. It offers one path-democratic elections, free of violence and terror, among the residents of Gaza and the West Bank -- that will produce a representative leadership in the territories.

3) The PLO -- by its continuing acts of terror and its continuing refusal to amend the Palestine National Covenant, which vows Israel's destruction -- disqualifies itself from any negotiating role with Israel. We endorse the Israel unity government's insistence that it not deal with the PLO. Legitimizing the PLO by inviting it to the peace table would not bring peace but only further violence, terror and war.

4) The proposed negotiation that would bring Israel together with a Palestinian Arab delegation must limit itself to the election procedures themselves. It is the responsibility of the Palestinian representatives who are to be chosen in free elections to discuss substantive issues with Israel.

We we come the Israeli initiative designed to move the peace process forward, and the Administration's positive response to it.

For 41 years, from the day of its independence, Israel has held out its hand in peace toward it neighbors, while the Arab world-- with the sole exception of Egypt -- has rejected Israel's proffers of peace and friendship, and continues to deny Israel's right to national existence.

Israel is precious to us as it is to freedom-loving people everywhere. We are committed to its safety and security. We have confidence in its democratic processes. We stand together in unity with its Government in the search for a just and lasting peace.



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FROM: Seymour D. Reich, Chairman Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Director

DATE: November 13, 1939

Enclosed is the new text of an ad which will be placed in the New York Times or Washington Post this Wednesday morning. Please contact the Presidents Conference office no later than 12:00 ncon. If we have not heard from you, we will presume you have no objections to the text.

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We welcome you to our shores as you begin your visit to our nation's capital.

We stand in unity and solidarity with your Government in your search for lasting peace and security. We commend and support the initiative undertaken by your government toward peace in the Middle East, and we wish you well in your talks with the Administration. We are heartened by the positive response of President Bush and Secretary of State Baker to your government's peace initiative. That response encourages us to believe that your talks with the President

and Secretary of State will prove productive of renewed progress toward peace. As Americans, we are proud that these two allies and democracies share

common values, commitments and aspirations. Mr. Prime Minister, our prayers and good wishes are with you. Shalom.

Malcolin Hoenlein, Executive Director

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December 5, 1989 7 Kislev 5750

Mr. Malcolm I. Hoenlein Executive Director Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022

Dear Malcolm:

Thank you for your response to my November 20th letter.

Your explanation of what transpired in regard to the Shamir visit is much appreciated. I feel reassured that I had not been ignored when these special meetings arise.

With warm good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Seymour D. Reich, Esq.

Seymour D. Reich Chairman

Malcolm I. Hoenlein Executive Director

November 22, 1989

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

Dear Alex,

I received your letter this morning and am dictating this response immediately as we are leaving for Israel this afternoon. I appreciate your sharing your concerns, so I can set the record straight.

Originally, the Prime Minister was meant to come to New York first and we had proposed a small meeting with him in which you were to be included. His plans subsequently changed and he flew directly into Washington. It was on the Tuesday that he arrived that Seymour received the invitation to meet with the Prime Minister in Washington. As you know, we had the luncheon for Secretary Kemp that day and left right after it. We had other meetings scheduled which we had to cancel at the last moment. There was no delegation, as I told Edie when she called me last week regarding this.

Aside from the meeting in which you participated with the President we have had no other Presidents Conference delegations meeting with the President or Secretary Baker. We currently have requests into both and arrangements are pending. There was one other meeting with the President to which Seymour and I were invited along with members of the Republican Coalition and Ed Levy of AIPAC. There were also two meetings with the Secretary on Soviet Jewry set up by the National Conference and a late evening meeting to which Secretary Baker invited Seymour and me on a few hours notice.

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One further note: You have been and are always included in any Conference meeting of significance. We make every effort to make sure that UAHC is represented and we often extend invitations to Al and Dan when you are unable to participate. UAHC is hardly "ignored". Quite the contrary, we value your participation and do everything possible to facilitate it.

I hope that this resolves the questions that you raised and I would welcome the opportunity to talk with you about this and other matters.

Sincerely,

Málcolm Hoenlein Executive Director



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November 20, 1989 22 Heshvan 5750

Malcolm Hoenlein, Director Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022

Dear Malcolm:

It is a source of disappointment to know that there are high level meetings of the Presidents' Conference to which I, as a past chairman, am not invited. I read of a recent meeting with Shamir in Washington and it so happened that I was in Washington and could have been available for a small, private session.

Come to think of it, I haven't been a part of any delegation to Washington in quite some time...only once during this past year. As you know, Malcodm, I have my own access and will feel free to use it in the future if the UAHC continues to be ignored.

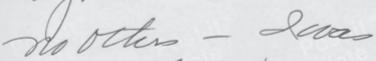
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Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Semour Reich, Esq. KOA

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Seymour D. Reich Choirman

At a Presidents Conference meeting this morning with Minister Gur it was agreed that the statement of the Conference's past chairmen be endorsed by the membership of the Conference. We ask you to call the Conference office today to approve the inclusion of your organization's name.

Malcolm I. Hocnlein Executive Director

> THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CURRENT AND PAST CHAIRMEN OF THE CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

We, the undersigned, current and past chairmen of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations fully support the call of the national unity government for the Prime Minister's Conference on Jewish Solidarity with Israel.

Whatever our individual points of view, we are unified in our commitment to Israel's security, its independence, its economic vitality and the well-being of its citizenry.

We stand with the people of Israel, as they face continuing external dangers and internal problems. We support Israel in its forty year quest for a just and lasting peace.

We are dedicated to maintaining the strong bonds between the United States and Israel -- a special relationship based on common / ideals, commitments and goals which is of great importance to both countries and to Western interests.

We believe this gathering to be particularly significant at this time. We look forward to meeting in Jerusalem, Israel's capital, to demonstrate the solidarity of world Jewry and our solidarity with Israel.

> Seymour Reich Morris B. Abram Kenneth Bialkin Julius Berman Howard Squadron Theodore Mann Rabbi Alexander Schindler · Rabbi Israel Miller Jacob Stein Rabbi Herschel Schacter Lewis Weinstein

March 3, 1989

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From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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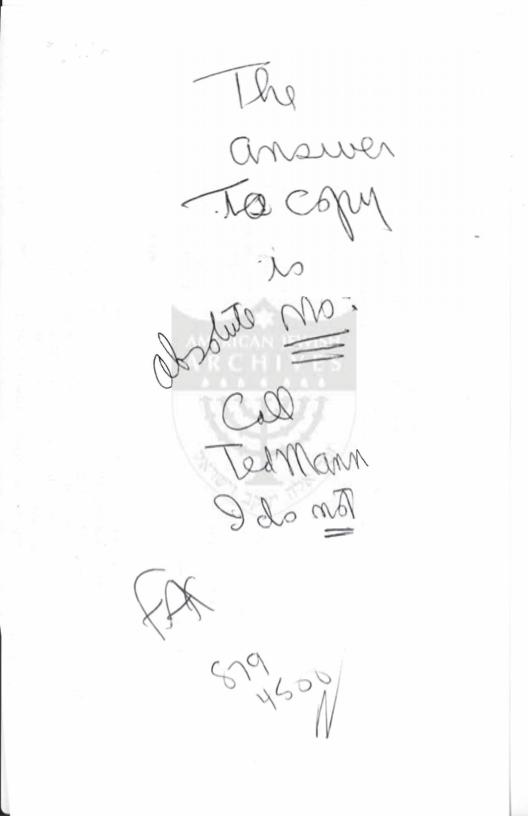
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Your drafted letter to Secretary of State Baker was FAXED to me in Israel. I absolutely do <u>not</u> want to be a signator of this. I do not agree with the contents at all.

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February 6, 1989

Secretary of State Department of State Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to you at the outset of a new administration in Washington, to urge you to pursue aggressively the attainment of peace in the Middle East. We urge that course upon you fully aware of the incompatible goals of those Israelis and Palestinians who claim all of the land between the Mediterranear and the Jordan River.

In terms of procedure, the cornerstone of American policy has been to seek agreement, among other things, on the conditions under which Israel will withdraw from territories it has occupied since 1967 through direct negotiations among Israel, the Palestinians and the regional Arab states. This should remain the cornerstone of this nation's policy. In terms of substance, we believe you share our view that any Israeli withdrawal be conditioned, at the very least, upon permanent demilitarization of the territories and adequate Israeli security measures therein, peace treaties between Israel and Jordan and Israel and Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf states, and the agreement of all parties to the conflict that Jerusalem, Israel's capital, shall remain undivided. Such a policy, together with a continuing commitment to help Israel maintain a qualitative and quantitative edge over the combined forces that threaten it, will have the full and continuing support of the undersigned and, we are certain, a very significant part of American Jewry.

The Comp David negotiations are still fresh in our minds, and we know what difficulties an administration may encounter when it undertakes to aggressively pursue an interlocutor's role. But the failure to act is a policy too, and the consequences of such a policy will be harmful to the United States, to Israel, and to the entire region.



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August 24, 1988

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Mrs. Aviva Hellman 157 East 32nd Street Apartment 22C New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Aviva,

The past chairmen of the Conference met again this past week and gave priority consideration to the status of the compensation to you. As you know, this was undertaken after Yehuda's death as a good faith effort assuming the support of the agencies and others. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, this has not been realized.

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It was decided at the meeting to try to place this into the Conference's regular budget. The full budget will be submitted early this Fall to the Conference members for approval. While no one can promise that the budget will be approved as submitted, past precedent gives us every hope of its acceptance.

At a personal level, I shall always feel that Yehuda's contribution to the Conference and to the Jewish community can never be measured. Please be assured that this is a matter we all take very seriously.

With kindest regards,

Morris B. Abram Chairman

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July 13, 1988

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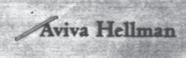
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June 22, 1988

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June 6, 1988

Dear Morris,

You're at the end of your tenure as chairman of the Presidents Conference and I do not know what your other achievements were during youtrchairmanship, but¶ if they are as great as the one involving Yehuda, it is a pretty sad record. For in the final analysis, whathave you done? As one of the past chairman said recently, you succeeded in 'out smarting' Yehuda Helman's widow, by not fulfilling a moral obligation to the map, who was in fact resposible for giving you this chance at your 'last hurrah.' Bravo!

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Cc: Julius Berman Ken Bialkin Max Fisher Ted Mann Israel Miller¶ Alexander Schindler Jack Stein Howard Squadron

Date 6.8.88

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August 23, 1988 10 Eðul 5748

Mr. Malcolm I. Hoenlein Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Avenue

New York, NY 10022

Dear Malcolm:

Can you enlighted me about this? Phil is very much hart to be "written out of history."

I am sure that the error was inadvertant. How did it happen? What will be done to correct it?

Please keep me informed.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Encl.

cc: Mr. Philip Klutznick

Philip M. Klutznick

737 North Michigan Avenue • Suite 920 • Chicago, Illinois 60611

August 16, 1988

Mr. Morris B. Abram Chairman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022

My dear Morris:

Since I have received no indication from either you or Malcolm Hoenlein that the record of the date of the origination of the Presidents Conference as being some time in 1959 will not be corrected or has not been corrected to reflect the reality of its first meeting in 1954 and its activity during the crisis of 1956, I assume that there is no intent to make the correction. I called this matter to the attention of Rabbi Alex Schindler when he was in Chicago and therefore I am sending a copy of this letter to him as well.

Some time back I had queried the current President of the B'nai B'rith why it was that some other former past Presidents of the Presidents Conference were present at meetings abroad and particularly in Israel and I never received an invitation to go to those meetings. He inquired and was told that all past Presidents were privileged to go. They all received notice of the meetings and those that wanted to, did, and those that did not want to, did not. When I said I had never received any notice of meetings, he was then told by the present Secretary or Executive Director, whatever he calls himself, that perhaps there was some error. When I inquired of him, he told me that it was a mistake and that in changing to a computerized list there must have been an error. I have not received any notices even up to now.

I believe this is nothing short of scandalous behavior. Unless I am given to understand that some effort will be made to correct the abominable inaccurate record to reflect the truth, I shall go public on this matter and write an article explaining what has happened. I do not think that I am so important that there has to be a conspiracy to keep me away from the Presidents Conference. I think it is diabolical to exclude Dr. Goldmann who was the first Chairman and for whom I substituted a good part of his term by agreement of Mr. Morris B. Abram August 16, 1988 Page 2

the members of the Conference. I succeeded him and stepped down when my term as President of the B'nai B'rith ended and that was in 1959, about five years after we started meeting.

If there is some reasonable justification for what is being done, I should be afforded that reason. Perhaps I am living in a "dreamworld" but you are one of the last people I would have expected to permit such a thing to go unanswered and not considered. If correcting the record is going to embarrass someone, even that is better than trying to rewrite history. You will never be able to account for one of the greatest achievements of the Presidents Conference which was its activity during the trouble of 1956 by claiming that it was born in 1959. If you do not possess it, I will be glad to send you my copy of the excerpts from American Jewish Archives written by a distinguished Israeli diplomat, Moshe Fox. In a chapter entitled "Backing the 'Good Guys': American Governmental Policy, 'Jewish Influence,' and the Sinai Campaign of 1956" with the introductory quote from Abba Eban reading, "Israel has no greater strength than that which flows from these abundant sources of Jewish fraternity." In it is described from time to time the role of the Presidents Conference as well as all of the surrounding circumstances.

Please for oldtime's sake, if for nothing more, correct this deliberate falsehood concocted by someone, someplace, somewhere. Justice demands it; accuracy compels it; and decency cries out for it. I do not need the credit and certainly it will do Nahum Goldmann no good. I merely abhor this kind of indecency and lack of apparent willingness to do the just thing.

Sincerely,

Philip M. Klutznick

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August 12, 1988

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

My dear Alex:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of August 9. I have always really felt that when one acts as the head of a voluntary organization and he enjoys it as much as I enjoyed my work in the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, it is I who should be thanking those who participated rather than the reverse. Nevertheless, I appreciate your laudatory comments. It has been people like you that have made this work, which I relinquished frankly reluctantly, a genuine joy. I do think that in the past several years we have established the Memorial Foundation as a responsible and meaningful unit in Jewish life. I am accosted time and again by people who have told me how much it meant to have received a modest commitment from the Foundation.

I determined to leave, primarily because of Ethel's condition, more than a year ago. It took that time to get the kind of person that I feel will not only hold the fort, but carry it and the program forward.

Next time you are headed this way, give me some advance notice. Ethel and I would love to see you and yours.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

Philip M. Klutznick

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July 21, 1988 7 Av 5748

Mr. Morris B. Abram Chairman Conference of Presidents 515 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022

Dazr Morris:

I received a copy of Aviva's most recent communication. to you. I persist in my conviction that this is a debt of honor which obligates the Presidents' Conference. I reiterate my recommendation that if the cash flow does not permit this payment, we ought to take out a loan to make good those pledges which were made.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Israel Miller Howard Squadron, Esq.

bcc: Aviva Hellman

July 13, 1988

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July 15, 198

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

Dear Alex:

Thanks for your letter of July 6. I am glad you returned safe and sound.

I have been in touch with various of our Committee members and with the known candidates. Under all the circumstances I doubt that we will be able to get the candidates in for the planned visits before early September and I will try shortly to develop a schedule for that purpose. I hope to be in touch with you soon and in the meantime want you to know how much I appreciate your having made the report of our Nominating Committee to the Presidents' Conference as well as for your friendship and all your kindesses.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Bialkin

RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER PRESIDENT B38 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100

> July 6, 1988 21 Tammuz 5748

Mr. Kenneth Bialkin 919 Third AVenue New York, NY 10022

Dear Kenny:

I just returned from Israel where I attended a meeting of the Board of Governors. As you will recall, the Nominating Committee met early on Monday morning just prior to my departure and then in the afternoon the Presidents' Conference itself met to discuss the Scope Committee's report as well as the interim report of the Nominating Committee, which I gave at your behest.

There was considerable discussion about the Scope report all the more so because Morris Abram indicated that he might not accept the extention if proffered "for personal reasons." Possibly stimulated by this statement and for other reasons as well, there was a considerable divergence of view on the question of just when the Nominating Committee renders its final judgment. Some wanted to have it in early July, others wanted it to be immediately before or just after the elections here and in Israel, still others suggested a September 7th date, that is to say, immediately after Labor Day.

Accordingly, I think it imperative that we proceed with our work during the Summer months, interviewing several candidates on our short list, as we agreed to do, so that we will be ready to make our recommendations whenever it is decided to have the election meeting.

I rely on you to convene the meetings I am sure we will be able to find an appropriate time.

With warm good wishes, I am

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cc: Mr. bec: QeV DB8 Sincerely, "

Alexander M. Schindler

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MEMORANDUM

From Ms. Edith J. Miller To Mr. Stuart Benick Copies Mr. Martin A. Arch

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Date July 20, 1988 6 Av 5748

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Subject

At a meeting of the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania Council, Martin Arch spoke on Fund Raising. He promised to arrange to have copies of his Fund Raising Manual, as published by the UAHC, sent to any person present who had not received a copy and who wished to have one.

The list of those whom a copy is to be sent is enclosed herewith. Will you please make arrangements to have one manual sent to each person on the list, at no charge?

I presume it is Martin's intention to have the Communications Committee charged for these manuals. I don't know if he spoke to you about this matter, but since I was present at the meeting, I offered to bring the list to you so the manuals could be sent out without undue delay.

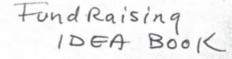
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June 29, 1988

Dear Friends,

Throughout the last year, American Jews have joined with Jews around the world to salute Israel on her 40th anniversary. The American Jewish community responded to this historic occasion with fervor and determination to demonstrate deep and abiding support for the State of Israel.

The National Committee for Israel's 40th Anniversary has prepared the attached review of national and local initiatives and events describing the scope of the American celebration. Communities have reported an enthusiastic response to the large number of exciting, quality programs with no marked adverse effect due to recent events.

The celebration of Israel 40 continues throughout the summer and fall and the National Committee strongly encourages all groups to keep 40th anniversary themes in clear focus, thereby highlighting important aspects of this milestone in Jewish history.

Sincerely,

Morris B. Abram Chairman, Conference of Presidents

Malcolm Hoenlein Executive Director

Howard Squadron Chairman, National Committee

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ISRAEL AT 40: AN AMERICAN SALUTE

The 40th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel provided an important opportunity to focus international attention on Israel's achievements, to reiterate publicly the depth of support for Israel in the US and to reaffirm the strong bonds which connect American and Israeli Jews.

Throughout this year-long celebration of Israel's independence, the National Committee for Israel's 40th Anniversary served as a clearinghouse, facilitator and resource for all events and materials related to this historic occasion. The Committee linked local 40th anniversary committees across the US and provided an umbrella for the activities of Zionist organizations, synagogue and community groups.

The Committee, created by and operating under the auspices of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, is chaired by Howard Squadron, with the Presidents of Israel Bonds, the Council of Jewish Federations, the American Zionist Federation, the Synagogue Council of America, NJCRAC and the United Jewish Appeal serving as vice-chairpeople. Carolyn Greene coordinates the Committee for the Conference of Presidents. Committee members from some 100 organizations represent the entire spectrum of American Jewish life, as well as Israeli governmental bodies and commercial entities directly involved in planning 40th anniversary activities.

The Committee has been able to focus on important aspects of Jewish unity and solidarity with the Israel throughout the celebration. The themes of the 40th anniversary have provided important rallying points for positive grass-roots identification with Israel and offered a framework for 40th anniversary programming. These themes emphasized the unity of purpose of the Israeli nation, as well as the vigor of its democratic institutions, the growth and accomplishments of the State, the important role American Jewry and the American people have played in the development of Israel, and the unique relationship Israel enjoys with our country and with the Jewish community.

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Malcolm Hoenlein Executive Director anniversary, the Committee fostered a high degree of interagency cooperation. In addition to responding to requests for programmatic assistance, the Committee arranged various seminars and meetings to discuss sharing of resources, program ideas and preparation of special materials.

PUBLICATIONS

* SERIES OF GUIDES TO EVENTS AND RESOURCES

The National Committee issued a series of <u>Guides to Events and</u> <u>Resources</u> listing major community activities and festivities across the country. Thousands of copies of The Guides were distributed to organizations, communities groups and synagogues and became a valuable tool for 40th anniversary program planners. This handbook helped ensure that information about cultural, educational and academic programs, exhibits, publications and special initiatives was readily accessible. The Guide maximized the use of all available resources and facilitated participation by as many people as possible in scheduled events.

* 40TH ANNIVERSARY ANNOTATED VIDEO AND FILMOGRAPHY

Several thousand copies of the <u>Annotated Video and Filmography</u>, produced in cooperation with the National Foundation for Jewish Culture and the Jewish Educational Service of North America (JESNA) were distributed to agencies and educational institutions. The Filmography includes a synopsis and other descriptive information about nearly 100 films and videotapes which expose viewers to many aspects of Israel.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

* LOGO USE AND DISTRIBUTION

In order to foster quality control and to identify officially approved resources and events, the National Committee set rules for use of the special Israeli-designed logo, the international symbol for the 40th anniversary celebration. The Committee encouraged authorized use of the logo and provided camera-ready stats.

* SOUVENIR LICENSING PROGRAM

To help generate awareness and excitement about the 40th anniversary, the Committee arranged a coordinated licensing program offering groups a selection of novelty items bearing the official 40th anniversary logo. A catalogue was distributed to all groups to enable direct order from manufacturers. T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, buttons, pennants and posters are among the items which groups have used at community festivals, parades, conventions and other programs.

* US POSTAL CANCELLATION

The Committee arranged with the United States postal service for a special commemorative message and pictorial cancellation saluting Israel's 40th anniversary. Special philatelic stations were set up at community events to cancel envelopes for mail or souvenir items. Bearing the 40th anniversary logo and the message "40 Years of Israel Independence/US-Israel Friendship 1948-1988", these specially cancelled envelopes added visibility to festive events and brought the 40th anniversary celebration into countless homes across the United States.

* LEGISLATIVE PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

The National Committee was instrumental in the adoption of a Congressional resolution saluting Israel's 40 years of achievement and her abiding friendship with the United States. The Committee provided a similar text to local groups for adoption by State and City officials.

* CJF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 40TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM SEMINAR

More than 100 professional and lay leaders attended a special session for 40th anniversary program planners held at the November 1987 General Assembly. The workshop stimulated interest in 40th anniversary festivities, provided hands-on assistance in identifying national and local initiatives, program ideas and materials to enhance community celebrations and offered a forum for programmers to share plans and experiences.

* 40TH ANNIVERSARY MATERIALS FAIR

The National Committee organized an exhibit of materials produced by various organizations to celebrate Israel 40. This Fair enabled organizations to display their special resources and to exchange ideas with each other.

SPECIAL EVENTS

* KICK-OFF PRESS CONFERENCE

In October 1987 Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Culture Yitzchak Navon, Chairman of Israel's Committee on the 40th Anniversary, joined National Committee Chairman Howard Squadron to announce the array of events planned in both countries. Mr. Navon encouraged Americans express their pride in Israel during the year-long celebration by visiting Israel and sharing in Israel's accomplishments with Israelis.

* VISIT OF ISRAEL PRESIDENT CHAIM HERZOG

The National Committee played an important role in arranging President Chaim Herzog's visit to the United States at the beginning of the 40th anniversary year. President Herzog's November 1987 trip marked the first official visit of an Israeli



president to the United States. Committee Chairman Howard Squadron presided at a luncheon hosted by the White House for government officials and Jewish communal leadership in celebration of Israel 40. In conjunction with the luncheon a seminar on US - Middle East policy was held.

* VICE-PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION

Vice President and Mrs. George Bush welcomed members of the National Committee and other Conference of Presidents leaders to their home on May 24, 1988 for an official reception in honor of the 40th anniversary. Mr. Bush expressed his personal commitment to the State of Israel and paid tribute to the strength of America-Israel strategic cooperation. Conference of Presidents Chairman Morris B. Abram responded to the Vice President and Howard Squadron presented the Vice President with an original signed etching, designed by artist Amram Ebgi, saluting Israel on this milestone.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

It would be impossible to review the hundreds, if not thousands of events related to Israel's 40th anniversary which took place in communities across the country. In New York City alone, three hundred events were planned. Utilizing a multitude of mediums, the events demonstrated the diverse forms of American Jewish identification with Israel.

Programs involved the cultural, academic, business, arts and professional communities. Special activities were geared for children and families. Museums and galleries exhibited works by Israeli artists and photographs of Israel. Student exchange programs encourage discussion between Israeli students and their American counterparts; new bibliographies and study guides relating to Israel and Zionism were distributed. Contests added to the excitement of the celebration.

Featuring locally and nationally known talent, gala salutes, outdoor festivals and public parades drew large crowds. The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and many top Israeli performing artists helped project an image of Israel that was positive and dynamic. A special 40th Anniversary musical review from Israel toured 10 American cities. Film festivals featured recently released and vintage Israeli films.

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture's Independence and Interdependence Cultural Exchange has furthered close connections between American and Israel Jews and created an important opportunity for dialogue between Israeli performers, their American counterparts and American audiences. The National Committee has worked closely with the National Foundation to



facilitate participation of local groups in these cultural programs.

Many components of the American celebration were staged in highly visible locations, creating much community awareness and publicly affirming the strength of America-Israel friendship. Millions of people viewed the world's largest photograph of Jerusalem (18 by 60 feet), which was displayed on the Kodak Colorama screen overlooking the main lobby of New York's Grand Central Station. Supporters of Israel filled the Miami Seaquarium, the Boston Esplanade, Los Angeles' Rancho Park and the Atlantic City Boardwalk.

Elected officials at all levels joined in paying tribute to Israel. State and city leaders issued proclamations and sponsored special activities. In the United States Congress many Representatives and Senators rose to salute Israel as part of a Congressional Special Order. Sample texts were made available by the National Committee.

Fostering US-Israel trade and economic relations has also been a part of the 40th anniversary celebration. Several states signed economic agreements with Israel with joint commissions to oversee implementation. Virginia Governor Gerald Baliles led Virginia leaders to Israel, culminating an extensive series of economic and cultural exchanges. Department stores, supermarket chains and community trade fairs introduced Americans to the diverse industries Israel has established. Special conferences were also devoted to this important topic.

Many organizations and groups encouraged members to join the festivities in Israel by sponsoring special 40th anniversary missions, tours and meetings.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Intensive television, radio and newspaper coverage brought the 40th anniversary into millions of homes. The National Committee provided extensive assistance to super station WWOR-TV which devoted 40 hours of programming to an in-depth view of "Israel at 40". Virtually all anglo-Jewish newspapers featured special 40th anniversary sections and many secular newspapers covered this milestone extensively.

SPONSORSHIP

The National Committee expresses its gratitude to the CRB Foundation of Montreal, whose generous support contributed significantly to the National Committee's operations.

The National Committee is grateful also to the Seagram Classics Wine Company, whose Carmel and Sabra products are the official wines and spirits of Israel's 40th anniversary.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The success of this multitude of events is due to the work of the Conference of Presidents member agencies and many other organizations, synagogues, groups and individuals who committed much energy and expertise to ensure that this significant occasion generated an outpouring of support for Israel. The National Committee acknowledges the efforts of all participating agencies and acknowledges their important contribution to the overall success of the American Israel 40 celebration.

June 1988



Morris B. Abram Chairman

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Malcolm I. Hoenlein Executive Director

REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING

CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS

June 13, 1988

Morris B. Abram, Chairman, presiding.

- I. & II. Scope Committee/Nominating Committee Report: Rabbi Joseph Glaser, chairman, presented the Scope Committee report and Rabbi Alexander Schindler presented the Nominating Committee's report on behalf of Kenneth Bialkin, chairman.
 - The Conference unanimously approved a recommendation of the Scope Committee that the term of the Chairman be changed to a calendar year of January 1 - December 31, beginning January 1, 1989.
 - The Conference also decided that the Nominating Committee be given enough time to consider all candidates and that the election be scheduled in November. This would allow a period for introductions and preparations by the outgoing and incoming chairpersons. The Nominating Committee was instructed to take into account all of the comments and views that had been expressed and to proceed accordingly.

The Scope Committee also recommended that Presidents Conference Missions to Israel be held on an annual basis in March. Organizations will be polled as to the most suitable dates around mid-March 1989.

The Scope Committee also recommended that the Presidents Conference hold periodic meetings outside of the New York area as has been done in the past, in cooperation with member agencies and their local affiliates. A meeting will be held in Atlanta at which the Conference chairman will be speaking. The site was chosen because of particular sensitivities and controversies involving the Israeli Consul General serving the Atlanta area.

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The Scope Committee expressed concern at the breaches of confidentiality by members and urged the chairman to communicate Conference policy to all Presidents and Executives and to issue periodic reminders at the beginning of meetings which are to be off the record and the need to maintain confidentiality.

- III. The Conference unanimously approved the Membership Committee recommendation that Mercaz and WIZO be admitted.
- Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Director reported on the IV. Conference's special National Committee on Tourism chaired by Rabbi Joseph Sternstein. A variety of programs have been developed in a joint effort with the Israel Government Tourist Office and El Al. Carolyn Greene will be staffing the Task Force which will also bring together professionals in a variety of related fields together with representatives of member organizations to develop plans for outreach and enhancing promotional efforts for tourism. Among the programs being initiated are a resource guide which will be issued periodically, a tourism hotline with an 800 number, and "This Year in Jerusalem" pledge campaign. A centralized tourism speakers bureau and a system for linking small groups will help restore American Jewish tourism to previous levels.
- V. The Mubarak Awad case: It was decided that the Conference ask its member organizations to advise their constituents around the country that it would not be appropriate to provide a forum for Mr. Awad. It was decided that a press backgrounder be available at the time of his press conference and to respond to any press inquiries. Approaches are being made to church groups and a number of other steps were discussed

F-18s to Kuwait: A report was given on the status of the proposed sale and various approaches were discussed incuding focusing on specific aspects such as the 300 Maverick D missiles rather than an all out effort against the entire package.

Jerusalem Bill: As a response to Secretary Shultz's criticism of Governor Dukakis' position on Jerusalem, Senator Moynihan has indicated that he was reintroducing the "Jerusalem Bill." It was decided that this was not the most propitious time for a legislative debate that could become an occasion to raise all sorts of other issues and perhaps invite a filibuster as some have threatened in the past. It was suggested that a "Dear Colleague" letter might be the best approach. It was also decided that approaches should be made to the two Presidential candidates to ascertain their positions in this regard and to ask that this be included in the platforms of both parties.

It was also decided that we write to both platform committees to make sure that a plank addressing the UN anti-Zionism resolution and one on the plight of Syrian Jewry be included.

George Gruen reported on recent developments regarding Syrian Jewry and distributed a fact sheet which is available from the Conference office outlining recent arrests and what appears to be a tougher line on the relatives of those who have left the country.

It was suggested that a formal voting procedure be considered perhaps to allow for mail-in ballots. This was referred to the Scope Committee for considertion.

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CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Morris B. Abram Chairman

Malcolm I. Hoenlein **Executive** Director

June 9, 1988

TO: NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MENNETH BIALKIN, CHAIRMAN NOMINATING COMMITTEE FROM:

Enclosed is a memorandum I received from Rabbi Joseph Glaser, Chairman of the Presidents Conference Scope Committee. We will take up the Committee's recommendations at the meeting on Monday, June 13 at 8am in my office, 919 Third Avenue.

Best regards.

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Office of the Executive Vice President

June 3, 1988

MEMORANDUM

- Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, Scope Chairman, Presidents FROM: Conference
- Morris Abram, Chairman; Kenneth Bialkin, Nominating TO: Committee Chairman
- Members of the Scope Committee CC:

Gentlemen:

This memorandum will serve as a notice to you both as well as minutes of the June 2, 1988 meeting of the Presidents Conference Scope Committee, regarding actions taken at that meeting.

- I. On the question of permanently changing the term of the Presidents Conference Chairman to January 1 - December 31,
 - the vote was 7 for, none against and one abstaining, to make the change. On the matter of extending the present. Chairman's term to end December 31, 1988, it was also voted to do so by the same vote of 7 for, none against and one abstaining. On the matter of whether or not the Nominating Committee should nominate a this time a Chairman-elect, the Scope Committee again voted 7 against such a proposal, none for it and one abstention. The Committee felt that a Chairman-elect was unnecessary, would create a double focus of leadership, and would create operational problems.

The rest of the meeting took up three subjects:

We recommend that the Conference maintain the recently II. adopted cycle of an annual Presidents Conference Mission to Israel and suggest dates around March 13-17, 1989. We recommend that a committee of the Conference be appointed to develop the program for Missions.

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- The Chairman of the Scope Committee has been in touch with III. Rabbi Alvin Sugarman of the Temple in Atlanta, and we now
 - have agreement that a visit by the Presidents Conference to * Atlanta would be a very fruitful occasion, greatly helping to dispel some of the unfortunate impressions and rhetoric regarding the tenure there of an Israeli Arab as Consul General. The Atlanta Jewish community is excited about the prospect and will work enthusiastically with us in planning the program, they envisioning a sort of seminar as opposed to a one-shot evening program. Rabbi Sugarman agreed that the Presidents Conference will have the last word on the program. Malcolm Hoenlein is to be in touch now directly with Rabbi Sugarman and his people who will be primarily responsible. The Committee endorsed reinstating periodic meetings of the Presidents Conference outside New York in cooperation with member agencies and their local affiliates.
- The matter of confidentiality was brought before the IV. Committee. The discussion was difficult since, because of the peculiar make-up of the Conference, sanctions are virtually impossible other than reproach and social ostracism. It is the opinion of the Committee, and here it was unanimous, that although we should not really have to even say to our participants that any given meeting or parts of a a meeting are confidential, sadly, it appears that we do, and we hereby recommend that the administration of the Presidents Conference undertake the responsibility to issue such warnings at the appropriate times and occasions. We further recommend that the chairman of the Conference send a letter to the Presidents and Executive Directors commenting appropriately on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, Chairman Committee on Scope

Present: Joseph B. Glaser, Bernice Balter, Tom Neumann, Bernard Walfish, Albert Chernin, Malcolm Hcenlein. Abe Foxman, Dadie Perlov send opinions prior to meeting.



Morris B. Abram Chairman

Malcolm I. Hoenlein Executive Director

May 20, 1988

TO: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

FROM: KENNETH BIALKIN, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

This is to confirm the telephone call you received inviting you to serve on the Nominating Committee for the Presidents Conference. Last year the by laws were changed to allow for the election of an incumbent chairman/president, or an immediate past chairman/president of a member organization. For information, enclosed is a list of the current presidents. For your

The Committee will meet on Thursday May 26 at 8:00am at the offices of Skadden Arps, 919 Third Avenue (between 55th and 56th

Please confirm your attendance by calling Gina Davidson at 212-41-752-1616.

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Immediate past presidents are also eligible.

April 26, 1988 9 Iyar 5748

Ms. Aviva Hellman 157 East 32nd Street Apt. 22A New York, NY 10016

Dear Aviva:

Rhea and I truly regret that we are unable to be present for the Second Annual Yehuda Hellman Memorial Lecture on May 19, 1988. As you may know, both Judy and Josh will be graduation on May 20th. Judy from Tufts and Josh from the University of Washington Law School. Thus, Rhea and I will separate, with me going to Boston and Rhea to St. Louis. Because of the timetable for the graduation we have to leave the night before in order to be present in time for the Exercises. As a matter of fact, I must be at Judy's ceremony early, as I am going to deliver the Commencement Address.

I just want you to know that it is only because of these two milestone occasions in the life of the Schindler family that we will not be at the Memorial. We shall be with you and Yehuda's friends in heart and thought and spirit.

With love from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

April 26, 1988 9 Iyar 5748

Morris B. Abram, Esq. Chairman President's Conference 515 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022

Dear Morris:

Just a brief note to advise that I shall not be able to attend the Second Annual Yehuda Hellman Memorial Lecture. Rhea will be leaving on May 19th, for St. Louis to attend our son Joshua's graduation from teh University of Washington Law School. And I, shall be leaving for Boston to participate in our daughter Judy's commancement at Tufts. We simply cannot be in New York the night of May 19, and I wanted you to know the reason for our absence. I have also written to Aviva.

With every good wish and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

April 26, 1988 9 Iyar 5748

Rabbi Israel Miller Yeshiva University 2540 Amsterdam Avenue Room #106 New York, NY 10033

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With every good wish and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

R&bbi Alexander M. Schindler

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March 24, 1988 6 Nisan 5748

Rabbi David Saperstein

The enclosed is self-explanatory. Malcolm indicated he has discussed it with Anne Lewish in Washington and with you as well. I hope you will take this matter up with the Jackson people.

Many thanks.

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March 24, 1988 6 Nisan 5748

Mr. Malcolm Honlein Executive Director conference of Presidents Of Major American Jewibb Organizations 515 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022

Dear Malcolm:

I've shared with David Saperstein the letter to Morris from Gerald J. Austin. I have asked him to take up this matter with the Jackson people. We'll keep you posted.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,



March 14, 1988

Morris B. Abram Chairman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Avenue New York, New York 10023

Dear Mr. Abram:

I apologize for not responding sooner to your October 13, 1987 invitation to appear at your organization's Presidential Forum.

Reverend Jackson will be unable to attend.

Again, I apologize for the tardiness.

Sincerely,

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Gerald J. Austin Campaign Manager

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February 4, 1988

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Mr. Malcolm Hoenlein Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022

Dear Malcolm:

It was gracious of you to send me the photo taken at the meeting with Haig. Many thanks.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,



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

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Mr. Malcolm I. Hoenlein Presidents Conference 515 Park Avenue New York, NY. 10022

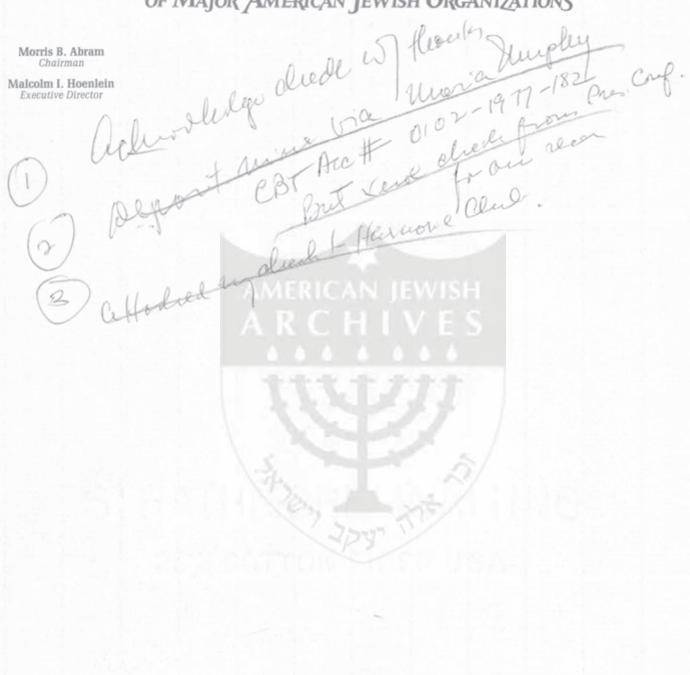
Dear Malcolm:

I thank you for forwarding the check to cover the cost for the September Presidential Forum held at the Harmony Club. Many thanks for your prompt attention.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,





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November 11, 1987

TO: Maria Murphy, CBT

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Thank you.

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October 5, 1987 12 Tishri 5748

Mr. Malcolm Hgenlein Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Malcolm:

I have just received the Harmonie Club invoice for the September 29th Presidential Forum meeting. The total bill is \$775.06. Inasmuch as I must pay this bill dir rectly I ask that you be kind enough to have a check, made payable to me in the amount of \$775.06 and send it to me here at my office.

Your prompt attention to this request will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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SEPTEMBER 30 1987

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January 15, 1988 25 Tevet 5748

Morris B. Abram, Esq. 1285 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10019

Dear Morris:

Thank you for your kind note in regard to my participation in the Presidents' Conference Mission to Israel. I appreciate your confidence in me and your wish for me to be a part of the group at this critical time.

Unfortunately, I must be in Israel a few weeks prior to the Presidents' Conference Mission of meetings of the Jewish Agency Beard of Governors. I may also have to return to Israel later in March for the CCAR Conference - and I can tell you I wasn't planning to attend that either as I do have some speaking engagements for the Union here in the U.S. at the same time. And, after all, I am but one human being and while I am feeling fine and my doctor is pleased with my progress I still try to watch my travel a bit. Why tempt fate?

Be that as it may, Al Vorspan will be representing the UAHC on the Mission and I know he will be a splendid and important delegate.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,