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בית-בנסת קדם הקהילה ליהדות מתקדמת בתל-אביב

SYNAGOGUE Tel-Aviv Progressive Congregation KEDEM

RABBI MOSHE ZEMER אחר משה זתר

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - NISAN 5733 APRIL 1973

Every Friday Kabbalat shabbat Services at 5.30 p.m. Kiddush

after the Service.

Every Saturday Shacharit Service at 9.30 a.m. Services are con-

ducted by Rabbi Moshe Zemer and cantor Mordechai Ben-Schachar. The Congregation is invited to Kiddush

after Shacharit.

Every Monday At 4.00 p.m. Bar-Mitzvah Club with the Rabbi in the

Synagogue. Every candidate for Bar or Bat Mitzvah

must attend.

Every Wednesday At 8.30 p.m. Talmud Class taught by Rabbi Moshe Zemer.

Rabbis Office Hours: Monday 16.00 - 18.00 For appointment call Rabbi Zemer

Tel: 257621 or 410985.

Youth Group Meeting at 7.00 p.m. Rami Flumen, Vice-Principal of Monday

Sharon High School will lead the Discussion. 2.4.73

Bible Study Grop-Book of Job, 7.00-8.30 p.m. Tuesday

3.4.73 8.30 p.m. Forum for Progressive Judaism. Rabbi Zemer will lead

a discussion on the subject: "What are the Shabbat Commandments

which a Progressive must onserve?"

Thursday University Student Group Meeting at 8.30 p.m.

5.4.73

Friday Rabbi Moses Cyrus Weiler, founder and former Chief Rabbi of the

6.4.73 South African Movement for Progressive Judaism, will deliver

the sermon.

Shabbat

Amir Gad-Naor will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

7.4.73 Sunday

Memorial Service for Naphtali Schneurson at the Holon Cemetry

8.4.73 at 4.30 p.m.

Sisterhood Meeting at 8.30 p.m. Ilana Zemer will lecture on

"Judaism and Israelism in the Literature of Haim Hazaz".

Monday 9.4.73

Junior Youth Group Meeting at 7.00 p.m.

Thursday-National Youth Group Conference for 12th grade High School Students in Jerusalem. Those interested in attending are requested to contact Uri Regev or the Rabbi. Shabbat 12/14/4/73

Gill Hizkiah will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Shabbat 14.4.73.

ביות-בנסות קדם הקהילה ליהדות מתקדמת בתל-אביב

KEDEM SYNAGOGUE Tel-Aviv Progressive Congregation

הרב משה זמר RABBI MOSHE ZEMER חרב משה זמר

לוח אירועים לחודש ניסן תשל"ג - אפריל 1973

בכל ליל שבת תפילת קבלח שבת וערבית בשעה 5.30 בערב. קידוש אחרי התפילה.

בכל שבת תפילת שחרית בשעה 9.30 בבוקו. התפילות בהנחיית הרב משה זמר והחזן מרדכי בן שחר. הקהל מוזמן לקידוש אחר התפילה.

בכל יום ב" בשעה 4.00 אחה"צ חוג בני מצוה עם הרב בבית הכנסת. כל המועמדים להיות בר/בת-מצוה חייבים להשתתף.

בכל יום רביעי בשעה 8.30 בערב, חוג בן-אפרים לתלמוד בהדרכת הרב. (מסכת ברכות). שעות קבלת קהל של הרב: ביום שני משעה 16.00 – 18.00. נא לקבוע פגישה מראש ולטלפן לרב: 257621 או בבית 410985.

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יום ב" – אור לר"ח ניסן פגישת הוג הנוער בשעה 7.00 בערב. מר רמי פלומן סגן מנהל בית ספר תיכון "הuרון" ינחה את השיחה.

יום ג' א' ניסן חוג תנ"ך בשעה 7.00 – 8.30 בערב. לימוד בספר איוב. 3.4.73

יום ג' א' ניסן 3.4.73 במה רעיונית ליהדות מתקדמת בשעה 8.30 בערב. דיון על נושא: "מהן מצוות השבת שיהודי מתקדם חייב לשמור?"

יום ה' ג' ניסן 5.4.73 פגישת חוג הסטודנטים בשעה 8.30 בערב.

ליל שבת פ' חזריע הרב משה חיים ויילר, מייסד התנועה ליהדות מחקדמת בדרום אפריקה ולשעבר רבה הראשי, ישא את הדרשה.

שבח פ' תזריע 7.4.73 עמיר גד-נאור יעלה לתורה כבר-מצוה.

יום א' ו' ניסן 8.4.73 במלאת שנתיים לפטירתו של <u>נפתלי שניאורסון ז"ל,</u> בעלה המנוח של חברתנו מרים שניאורסון תבל"א תתקיים אזכרה. כל מוקירי זכרו מתבקשים להשתתף ולהפגש ליד השער החדש בבית העלמין בחולון בשעה 4.30 אחה"צ.

יום א' ו' ניסן 8.4.73 <u>פגישה חוג הנשים</u>. אילנה זמר תרצה על "יהדות וישראליות בסיפורי חיים הזו ז"ל".

יום ב' ז' ניסן 9.4.73 חוג הצעירים בשעה 7.00 בערב.

יום ה' - שבת כנס ארצי של תלמידי כתות י"ב בהיברו יוניון קולג' בירושלים. על המעוניינים להשתתף להתקשר עם אורי רגב או עם הרב זמר.

שבת הגדול - 14.4.73 ביל חזקיה יעלה לתורה כבר-מצוה.

PESACH SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Monday Maariv for the First Day of Pesach at 5.00 p.m. The service will finish in time for members to arrive home for their Seder.

Tuesday Shacharit at 9.30 a.m. Prayer for Dew. 17.4.73

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Thursday- National Youth Group Conference for High School Students at the Zamir Youth Hostel near Jerusalem 19/21/4/73

Sunday Maariv for the Seventh Day of Pesach at 5.30 p.m. 22.4.73

Monday Shacharit for the Seventh Day of Pesach at 9.30 a.m. Yizkor. 23.4.73

TIKKUN FOR THE SEVENTH NIGHT OF PESACH

On Sunday night, April 22, 1973 immediately after Maariv Services * we shall hold a festive Congregational dinner with community sing- * ing and readings from a special service composed by our Congrega- * tion. The number of places available is limited and the demand is * great, so please make reservations soon in the Synagogue. *

Tuesday Bible Study Group-Book of Job, 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. 24.3.73

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Wednesday Memorial Service for Leah Reich at the Kiriat Shaul Cemetary 25.3.73 at 4.00 p.m.

On Independence Day we shall once again hold a Congregational Tour, this time to Har Hebron.

All Activities take place in the Synagogue, 20 Carlebach Street.

תפילות ופעולות בפסח

יום ב' 16.4.73 תפילת ערבית א' דפסח תהחיל בשעה 5.00 ותסחיים בזמן כדי לאפשר לחברים לחזור לבתיהם מזמן לעריכת הסדר.

יום ג' 17.4.73 בשעה 9.30 בבוקר - שחויית א' דפסח. תפילת סל.

יום ה' – שבת כנס נוער ארצי לחלמידי חיכון באכסנית הנוער זמיר ליד ירושלים. ב'-ד' דחול המועד לפרטים נא לפנות לאורי רגב או לרב זמר.

19 - 21.4.73

ביום א' 22.4.73 תפילת ערבית ז' דפסח ותחיל בשעה 5.30.

ביום ב' 23.4.73 בשעה 9.30 תפילת שחריות ז' דפסח - הזכרת נשמות.

תיקון ליל שוביעי של פסח

לפי מנהגנו תחקיים שוב בליל ז' דפסח, ביום ראשון (22.4.73), מיד לאחר התפילה, סעודה חביבית משותפת עם הקראות, שירה ונגינה לפי מסורת מיוחדת שחוברה על ידי קהילתנו. מספר המקומות מוגבל ולכן הזדרזו להזמין מקומות על ידי הרשמה בבית הכנסת.

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אחה"צ.

יום ג' כ"ב ניסן חוג חנ"ך בשעה 7.00 – 8.30 בערב. ליפוד בספר איוב. 24.4.73

יום ד' כ"ג ניסן במלאת שנתיים לפטירתה, תתקיים אזכרה ללאה רייך ז"ל, אשתו המנוחה של חברנו שמחה רייך יבל"א. כל מוקירי זכרה מחבקשים להשתתף ולהיפגש ליד שער בין העלמין בקרית שאול בשעה 4.00

בחודש הבא יופיע עלון הקהילה, "קדם" החברים מוזמנים למסור מאמרים לעורך אורי רגב סל. 231733, כדי לממן את העלון הוחלם לפרסם מודעות, וחברים ומפעלים המוכנים לפרסם, מתבקשים להתקשר עם חברי הועד.

ביום העצמאות נקיים את הטיול הקהילתי המסורתי, הפעם להר חברון. פרסים נוספים עוד יפורסמו.

כל הפעולות מתקיימות בבית הכנסת, רחוב קרליבך 20, תל-אביב.

ד' אדר ב', משל"נ 8 במרץ, 1973

> לכבוד הרב אשר הירש וושינגטון ארצות - הברית

> > דיק היקר,

הנני מקוה שישיבוחיך באנגליה נשאו פרי ולא נחקלת בהחנגדות רבה מדי.

בהחיחס לסכתב הפצורף, עליך למצוא דרך שבה האגוד העולמי יחחיים כלפי הגבות ורשבסקי כפי שאנו לחצנו עליה להתחיים כלפי האגוד.

הנני סציע שהתחייבות האבוד שעל כל דולר שלח יבוא דולר מהאבוד העולמי, יכלול גם החחייבות לאחזקת הבנין.

אני מבין משיהות עם הדב אייזנדרט שהוחלט בירושלים לא להחחיל בשום בניה של מבני קהילוח בישראל, עד שלא יובטח הסכום לבנית המרכז בירושלים. מאידך חושט אני ביותר שלגבינו ברמה-גן פירוש הרבר שעוד נאבד את התורמת שלנו, את אחיה וירידים שהיא מנסה עתה לגיים למפעל זה.

קה נא בחשכון שבזפנו רצתה גברת ורשבסקי לחרום את הסכום הזה להקמח בית-אבות כחיטה מטעם ארגון עולי סרכז אירופה, ובשלה ההחייבוחה מאחר ומשכו את הענין מספר שנים, בצורה כזו שהיא התחילה להבין שהם אינם כל-כך מעונינים בתרומתה. אני דורש שתחושה זו לא תעלה ביתטיה אתנו.

אני מכין שגם אתה נחון ללחצים, אך עליך להדביש, כשאתה מייצב את דרישוחינו, שלעת עתה אנו היחידים שהתורם הוא חבר קהילה ומעונין בעבודתנו כישראלי החי במדינה. כמו-כן צריך להבין שהיא מעונינת לראות בהגשמה המפעל עוד בחייה...

בברכה שלך,

הרב שוביה בן-חורין

CONGREGATION "EMET V'ANAVA"



ח' אדר ב', תשל"ג 12 במרץ, 1973

> לכבוד הרב הרברט פרידטן רה" אבן גבירול 15 ירושלים

> > רב פרידמן היקר,

כפי שלמדתי מהרב מ. אייזנדרם, סוכם אחך בשבת פרשת שקלים(3.3.73) שאחה תעמוד בראש המסע לגיום כספים עבור המרכז בירושלים והקהילות בישראל.

הנני מרשה לעצמי להעביר לך עוחקים הקשורים בעניני הטרכז הקהילתי שלנו ברמת-גן. הנני מעונין להפגישך עם התורמת וכן עם ועדת הבנין שלנו. אני מודאג מההחלטה, שלפני הבשחת הכספים והתחלת העבודה במרכז הירושלמי, לא יחחילו בבנית מרכזי הקהילות. במקרה שלנו, יש להתחשב בערך הפטיכולוגי הרב של תורמת חברת קהילה. באם בנין בהמרכז הקהילתי שלנו יתעכב זמן רב, אנו עלולים לאכזב את חברת קהילתנו וכתוצאה מכך, לאבד את תרומתה ושוב כתוצאה מכך את תרומת אחיה.

בהזדמנוה זו הרשה לי להביע את טפוקי ושמחתם של הברים אחרים שהסכמת לקבל על עצמך החחייבות קשה כזו, לגייס כספים עבור תנועתנו העולמית והארצית.

הצלחתך הבלחתנו.

בכבוד רב,

מבח/אה

57, JABOTINSKY STREET, RAMAT-GAN 52 5111 החוב זיבוטינסקי 57, רמתיגן 1112 57, ארכי 1112 אינסקי 57, במתיגן 1112 57, על. 2252, דר. ד. ד. 2252, על. 2252, דר. ד. ד. בעלים 1112 57, ארכי 1112 בעלים 1112 57, ארכי 1112 5

CONGREGATION BMET V'ANAVA

REPORT OF WESTING HELD OR 11.2.73 IN RAMAI GAM

SUBJECT: BUILDING OF CENTER

PRESENT: Mrs. Ani Warschawski - Donor
Rabbi R. Hirsch, Executive Director WUPJ
Rabbi Tovia Ben-Chorin - Chairman
Mr. Yoseph Avni - President of Congregation
Mr. Shlomo Cohen - Vice President
Mr. Y. Feivel - Vice President
Mr. Z. Schlamef

Rabbi R. Mirsch was introduced to Mrs. Warschawski who donated the sun of IL 500.000. - towards the Building Fund of our center.

Rabbi Mirsch conveyed the information that until May 1st the general plans of the Jerusalen World Center of the Reform Movement and the Congregational Centers will be completed.

The following agreement has been made;

- 1) The Center of the Emet V'Arava Congregation will be included as one of the projects of the Movement in Israel.
- 2) Once the fund raiser will be designated, representatives of the congregation will be in close contact with him.
- 3) Rabbi Hirsch will establish contact with Mrs. Warschawski's brother, Mr. Ernest Wollf, who lives in the U.S.
- 4) The Building Committee of the Congregation will specify the exact needs of our congregation, i.e. size of hall, according to the needs anticipated to hold number of families, the center activities etc.
- 5) After completion of plans a suitable location should be looked for.
- 6) The money donated for this purpose by Mrs. Warschawski and other donations made towards this center, will be used only for the Ramat Gan Congregation.
- 7) It has been decided that until the center is completed, we may, if necessary, raise the question whether part of the money of this donation may be used for a temporary solution. For example; to invest in a building which will serve us temporarily and can later be sold or its land be used for building the center.
- 8) The congregation will continue to request from the Ramat-Gan Municipality for a lot to build its center or other help.
- 9) All donations for the building fund will go through the WUPJ office.
- 10) The building and the lot will be registered in the name of WUPJ.
- 11) All decisions made concerning the Ramat-Gan center will be made only with the approval of the Emot V'Anava board.



"פית כנסת אור" אור מורטון הובמן Rabbi Morton Hoffman י Synagogue

Hoifo 25th February 1973 ann

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, Caesaria.

AMERICAN JEWISH

Dear Herbert.

Enclosed is material developed by myself and Dr. Hanoch Jacobsen of the Technion. We have simply tried to tell the facts and let them speak for themselves, without trying to make it sound like an appeal.

We leave it to your professional judgement to alter the style, if need be, for fund-raising purposes.

I promised to try to send you more names of potential givers in the San Francisco area. Besides those we mentioned in Jerusalem last month I would like you to file the name of Lawrence Weissberg, owner of Homestead Savings and Loan with branches all over Northern California, plus a few other enterprises.

I helped Larry and his two sons at a difficult point in their lives and retained a warm relationship with him up until I left for Israel. Larry was co-chairman of Israel Bonds for Northern California so his interest is strong. Give him my warmest regards. His address:

> The Hartford Building, Suite 2014, 650 California St., San Francisco, Telephone: (415) 434-1371

When the times comes that you want to get down to the \$10,000 - \$25,000 range, let me know. I have several in that category.

Sincerely,

RABBI MORTON HOFFMAN.

A. SURVEY OF ITS DEVELOPMENT

Congregation Or Hadash (New Light)* was founded in Haifa in 1964 by Rabbi Robert L. Samuels, Cantor Maurice Schellekes and a group of interested citizens.

Since its foundation Or Hadash has grown to a current membership of 250 dues paying families.

Services are held every Friday evening and Shabbat morning in the small auditorium of Rothschild Community Center, a rented hall whose 200 seat capacity is filled virtually every Shabbat evening. On the High Holy Days 1,000 people worship at a rented theatre. In addition to Sabbaths and Festivals, many educational and cultural programs continue to be regularly conducted.

Most important in the development of the congregation has been the formation of its Youth Groups. Recognizing the fundamental importance of assuring itself and the Progressive movement a viable future, the congregation, exploiting its close relationship with the Leo Baeck High School** began with a group of 11th and 12th graders five years ago. Most of the youth come from families which had no previous connection with Progressive Judaism.

Since the inception of the first Youth Group for 11th and 12th graders, two additional groups have been added for 9th and 10th grade respectively. All three groups number some seventy-five students.

In addition, the congregation is planning to open an eighth grade youth group this year (1973) and the Israel Scout Association has officially approached us for help in developing an entire framework of Scout Troops in Haifa based on Progressive Jewish ideology which would encompass fifth through twelfth grades. This idea is at present being actively explored with realistic hope of its implementation within the 1973-1974 school year.

Graduates of our youth groups numbering some thirty young people currently serving in the Israel Defence Forces or going to various institutions of higher learning in Haifa continue to hold services and meetings at their own initiative on every Shabbat that they are able to get home.

The foundations have been laid, and a vital nucleus has crystallized around Or Hadash congregation. The urgent need now is to broaden this base and build upon it, spiritually as well as materially.

^{*} Or Hadash took its name from the prayer in the traditional prayerbook: "May You cause a new light to shine on Zion".

^{**}Leo Baeck High School in Haifa is described on p.__ of this brochure.

B. THE POTENTIAL FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM IN HAIFA

The Jewish population of Haifa numbers just over 200,000*, or some forty to fifty thousand families. These divide approximately into 40% Israeli-born, 15% Edot Hamizrach and 45% Ashkenazim.

Of synagogues, there are about 240 (at the ratio of one Spharadi to two Ashkenazi) all of them orthodox, except for two# Moriah congregation (Conservative), and Or Hadash (Progressive). These synagogues very in size from 30 to over 500 seats. On the average, they are frequented the year round by between 12,000 and 15,000 worshippers (on the High Holidays this number is, of course, much larger), that is, rather less than 10% of Haifa's adolescent and adult population.

To educate Haifa's Jewish children there are 315 schools, servicing some 45,000 students from kindergarten through high school. Of these, 64 schools with 7,000 students (16%, including 6 Yeshivot with 363 students) are public or private religious schools of all levels, wherein the children receive orthodox religious instruction. Then there is Leo Baeck Junior and Senior High School, with some 1,100 students. All that the remaining 38,000 youngsters receive of Jewish education are the so-called "Toda'ah Yehudit" classes ("Jewish Consciousness") in grade school, and little else.**

In other words, the Jewish cultural and religious heritage is defined in Haifa (as elsewhere in Israel) by the orthodox establishment. More than 90% of the adult population do not practice this kind of Judaism, and over 80% of its children do not even learn about it, or about any other kind of Judaism.

The municipal religious council (Moatza Datit) is entirely in orthodox hands, as are all matters concerning weddings, divorces, conversions, burials and administration of burial grounds. The normal Haifa citizen tries to have as little to do with these bodies as possible.

However, not all of the 35,000 non-orthodox families in Haifa are interested in having any more of Judaism than they are now getting. Judging by party affiliations and voting records, we may estimate that some five to seven thousand families are either indifferent, atheist, or even actively anti-clerical in ideology and outlook, and entirely secular in their way of life. That leaves well over 25,000 families for whom Progressive Judaism can make the difference between cultural drifting and a positive cultural identity, between spiritual alienation and a sense of community belonging.

This, in brief, is the case for organizing and developing institutions of Progressive Judaism in the Haifa area.

^{*} This, and all following figures are based on information supplied by the Haifa Municipality.

^{**}Toda'ah Jehudit classes have on the whole been a great disappointment, if not a total failure in fulfilling their purpose in Israel's educational framework.

C. OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAM FOR PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT IN HAIFA

Objectives

Long-range goals (1985-2000):

- 1. Institutionalization of Progressive Judaism in Haifa as a fully legitimate expression of Judaism.
- 2. Provision of Progressive Jewish education, worship, community services and activities for any Haifa resident to desire it.
- 3. Financial independence and ideological autonomy of a Progressive educational system.

Intermediate-range goals (1978-1985):

- 1. Proportional representation of Progressive Jewish instituions on municipal religious council (Moatza Datit).
- 2. Accreditation of Progressive rabbis for weddings, divorces, conversions and funerals.
- 3. Establishment of 10 Progressive congregations and youth clubs in the Haifa area.
- 4. Establishment of a Progressive Chevra Kadisha.
- Establishment, in cooperation with Leo Baeck School, of private Progressive elementary school.

Immediate goals (1973-1978):

- 1. Establishment of 2 additional congregations with youth clubs.
- 2. 10 teachers of Judaica from a Progressive viewpoint to be active in Haifa's high schools.
- 3. Establishment of 2 Progressive Jewish kindergartens.

Program (1973-1978)

- 1. Survey, analyze and plan:
 - optimal population groups for future recruitment;
 - optimal locations for prospective development.
- 2. Recruit, train and activate:
 - 10 teachers of Judaics;
 - 10 youth leaders;
 - 10 lay preachers/cantors/readers;
 - 4 kindergarten teachers.
- 3. Rent, purchase or build and equip:
 - 3 places of worship (including Or Hadash);
 - 2 additional youth club-houses;
 - 2 kindergetens.



"פית כנפת "אור מובמן היבמן Rabbi Morton Hoffman · אים מורטון הובמן "Or Hadash" Synagogue

25th February, 1973 _______

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, Caesaria.

Dear Herbert,

Enclosed is material developed by myself and Dr. Hanoch Jacobsen of the Technion. We have simply tried to tell the facts and let them speak for themselves, without trying to make it sound like an appeal.

We leave it to your professional judgement to alter the style, if need be, for fund-raising purposes.

I promised to try to send you more names of potential givers in the San Francisco area. Besides those we mentioned in Jerusalem last month I would like you to file the name of Lawrence Weissberg, owner of Homestead Davings and Loan with branches all over Northern California, plus a few other enterprises.

I helped Larry and his two sons at a difficult point in their lives and retained a warm relationship with him up until I left for Israel. Larry was co-chairman of Israel Bonds for Northern California so his interest is strong. Give him my warmest regards. His address:

> The Hartford Building, Suite 2014, 650 California St., San Francisco, Telephone: (415) 434-1371

When the times comes that you want to get down to the \$10,000 - \$25,000 range, let me know. I have several in that category.

Sincerely,

RABBI MORTON HOFFMAN.

CONGREGATION OR HADASH - HALPA

A. SURVEY OF ITS DEVELOPMENT

**Congregation Or Hadash (New Light) * was founded in Haifa in 1964 by Rabbi **Robert L. Samuels, Cantor Maurice Schellekes and a group of interested citizens.

Since its foundation Or Hadash has grown to a current membership of 250 dues paying families.

Services are held every Priday evening and Shabbat morning in the small auditorium of Rothschild Community Center, a rented hall whose 200 seat capacity is filled virtually every Shabbat evening. On the High Holy Days 1,000 people worship at a rented theatre. In addition to Sabbaths and Festivals, many educational and cultural programs continue to be regularly conducted.

Most important in the development of the congregation has been the formation of its Youth Groups. Pecognizing the fundamental importance of assuring itself and the Progressive movement a viable future, the congregation, exploiting its close relationship with the Leo Baeck High School** began with a group of 11th and 12th graders five years ago. Most of the youth come from families which had no previous connection with Progressive Judaism.

Since the inception of the first Youth Group for 11th and 12th graders, two additional groups have been added for 9th and 10th grade respectively. All three groups number some seventy-five students.

In addition, the congregation is planning to open an eighth grade youth group this year (1973) and the Israel Scout Association has officially approached us for help in developing an entire framework of Scout Troops in Haifa based on Progressive Jewish ideology which would encompass fifth through twelfth grades. This idea is at present being actively explored with realistic hope of its implementation within the 1973-1974 school year.

Graduates of our youth groups numbering some thirty young people currently serving in the Israel Defence Forces or going to various institutions of higher learning in Haifa continue to hold services and meetings at their own initiative on every Shabbat that they are able to get home.

The foundations have been laid, and a vital nucleus has crystallized around Or Hadash congregation. The urgent need now is to broaden this base and build upon it, spiritually as well as materially.

^{*} Or Hadash took its name from the prayer in the traditional prayerbook: "May You cause a new light to shine on Zion".

^{**}Leo Baeck High School in Haifa is described on p. __ of this brochure.

B. THE POTENTIAL FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM IN HAIFA

The Jewish population of Haifa numbers just over 200,000*, or some forty to fifty thousand families. These divide approximately into 40% Israeli-born, 15% Edot Hamizrach and 45% Ashkenazim.

Of synagogues, there are about 240 (at the ratio of one Spharadi to two Ashkenazi) all of them orthodox, except for twos Moriah congregation (Conservative), and Or Hadash (Progressive). These synagogues very in size from 30 to over 500 seats. On the average, they are frequented the year round by between 12,000 and 15,000 worshippers (on the High Holidays this number is, of course, much larger), that is, rather less than 10% of Haifa's adolescent and adult population.

To educate Haifa's Jewish children there are 315 schools, servicing some 45,000 students from kindergarten through high school. Of these, 64 schools with 7,000 students (16°, including 6 Teshivot with 363 students) are public or private religious schools of all levels, wherein the children receive orthodox religious instruction. Then there is Leo Baeck Junior and Senior High School, with some 1,100 students. All that the remaining 38,000 youngsters receive of Jewish education are the so-called "Toda'ah Tehudit" classes ("Jewish Consciousness") in grade school, und little else.**

In other words, the Jewish cultural and religious heritage is defined in Haifa (as elsewhere in Israel) by the orthodox establishment. More than 90% of the adult population do not practice this kind of Judaism, and over 80% of its children do not even learn about it, or about any other kind of Judaism.

The municipal religious council (Moatza Datit) is entirely in orthodox hands, as are all matters concerning weddings, divorces, conversions, burials and administration of burial grounds. The normal Haifa citizen tries to have as little to do with these bodies as possible.

However, not all of the 35,000 non-orthodox families in Haifa are interested in having any more of Judaism than they are now getting. Judging by party affiliations and voting records, we may estimate that some five to seven thousand families are either indifferent, atheist, or even actively anti-clerical in ideology and outlook, and entirely secular in their way of life. That leaves well over 25,000 families for whom Progressive Judaism can make the difference between cultural drifting and a positive cultural identity, between spiritual alienation and a sense of community belonging.

This, in brief, is the case for organizing and developing institutions of Progressive Judaism in the Haifa area.

^{*} This, and all following figures are based on information supplied by the Haifa Municipality.

^{**}Toda'ah Wehudit classes have on the whole been a great disappointment, if not a total failure in fulfilling their purpose in Israel's educational framework.

C. OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAM FOR PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT IN HAIFA

Objectives

Long-range goals (1985-2000):

- 1. Institutionalization of Progressive Judaism in Haifa as a fully legitimate expression of Judaism.
- 2. Provision of Progressive Jewish education, worship, community services and activities for any Haifa resident to desire it.
- 3. Financial independence and ideological autonomy of a Progressive educational system.

Intermediate-range goals (1978-1985):

- Proportional representation of Progressive Jewish institutions on municipal religious council (Moatza Datit).
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- 3. Establishment of 10 Progressive congregations and youth clubs in the Haifa area.
- 4. Establishment of a Progressive Chevra Kadisha.
- 5. Establishment, in cooperation with Leo Baeck School, of private Progressive elementary school.

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Program (1973-1978)

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22nd February, 1973

Rabbi Herbert Friedman, P. O. Box 92, JERUSALEM.

Dear Herb,

AMERICAN JEWISH

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Enclosed is a copy of a preliminary draft which reflects our thinking on this subject. I would like to have your frank opinion and advice.

Perhaps we could meet on March 1st, sometime between the 4 o'clock programme at the Hebrew University College and 7 o'clock dinner at the Knesset? If those times are not convenient for you, perhaps you could suggest another day?

Warmest regards to Francine and the children.

Cordially yours,

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ENCL:

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Each of these programs would require a separate Club Room and Lounge with appropriate facilities. There would also be need for increase in Manpower including Mursery School Teachers, Club Leaders, and so forth. Some of the programs can be self-sustained and perhaps even profitable, such as the Mursery School. All of these programs contained within the Congregational Centre would tend to attract the individuals participating and their families to the total religious and cultural program of the Congregational Centre.

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EXPRESS

30th November, 1972

Rabbi Robert Samuels, 4 Rehov Hazefim, H A I F A.

Dear Bob.

AMERICAN JEWISH

In accordance with the decision of the MARAM, I amsending to you information concerning the Building Fund of our Congregation. I shall submit directly to Herb Friedman a copy of the brochure which we put out called "The Building Congregational Centre" which includes our preliminary architectural plans. As we concluded between us, it will be unnecessary for me to send this to you. Our architect and Building Engineer estimated that the building when finished and furnished will cost approximately \$1,500,000.-. For the purpose of raising funds we have broken down the parts of the Synagogue as follows: (excluding such things as foundations, air-raid shelters, etc., which are considered to be unsaleable:)

1)	Entrance Hall - Museum	L.300,000
2)	Sanctuary	1,800,000
3)	Pulpit	120,000
4)	Rabbi's Study	187,500
5)	Library	120,000
	Youth Lounge	180,000
7)	Youth Chapel	360,000
8)	Lecture Hall & other rooms	300,000
9)	Social Hall	2,700,000

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2. MAN POWER: It would seem to me that we should add a Rabbi to each of the existing viable Congregations of Beersheba, Nathanya, Upper Nazareth and Nahariya. We should also plan for the development of 2 Congregations a year for the next 10 years which including Rabbis would mean an additional 24 Rabbis for this period of time. The salary for these Rabbis should be fixed on the basis of the initial

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salary of veteran Rabbis which, of course, is known to you.

3. I suggest that you put down a plan for a Progressive Beit Berel. The amount of this is beyond me, but I will let you guess on it.

I am sure that the rest of our men have told you about their own projects plus others, so I will close with this.

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Moshe Zemer.