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**MEETING AT MICHAEL STEINHARDT'S OFFICE
JANUARY 16, 2003**

1. Present: Michael Steinhardt
Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Richard Wexler
Steve Nasatir
Joseph Rackman
2. Articles concerning the basic premise: survival of the Jewish community in the U.S.
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3. Form a Corporation- Joseph Rackman, lawyer, is the N.Y. partner of Hogan and Hartson. He offers his services.
4. Decide on Name.
5. List from which board members may be chosen.
6. List of prospects for minimum of ten million each.
7. Two Statements of Case, written after the meeting.

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Possible Candidates for Board of Directors


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- ✓1. Leslie H. Wexner
 - ✓2. Michael Steinhardt
 - 3. Bruce Soll
 - 4. John Ruskay
 - 5. Nathan Laufer
 - 6. Gary Rosenblatt
 - 7. David Edell
 - ✓8. Richard Wexler
 - 9. Richard Joel
 - ✓10. Bud Meyerhoff
 - ✓11. Gordon Zacks
 - ✓12. Steve Nasatir
 - ✓13. Harvey Krueger
 - 14. Gershon Kekst
 - ✓15. Morris Offit
 - 16. Barry Goren
 - 17. Mark Lit
 - 18. Ramie Arian
 - 19. Abba Eban (Hon.)
 - ✓20. Jack Wertheimer
 - ✓21. Alan Slifka
 - 22. Israeli Council- General Alon Pinkas
 - 23. Peter Joseph

5.)

POTENTIAL PROSPECTS

- 1) Walter Annenberg
- 2) Arthur Belfer
- 3) Alan Bildner, N.J.
- 4) Blaustein Fndn.- Baltimore
- 5) H + R Block, Kansas City
- 6) Michael Bloomberg- Patricia E. Harris, Deputy Mayor for Administration
Sometimes advises the mayor on charities
- 7) Shepard Broad Fndn.
- 8) Stewart Colton
- ✓ 9) Lester Crown, Chicago
- 10) Cummings Fndn.
- 11) Bill Davidson
- 12) Michael Dell- via Mark Lit, Federation Exec.
- 13) Draper-Fisher Jurvetson- via Josh Elkin or Harold Grinspoon (#24)
- 14) George Farkas
- 15) Factor-Feinstein Family, LA
- 16) Jacob Feldman, Dallas
- 17) Eugene Ferkauf
- 18) Irwin Field, L.A.
- 19) Max Fisher, Detroit
- 20) Flumenberg Foundation

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- 21) Funders Network
- 22) Gates Fndn.- via Steve Ballmer, president Microsoft and via Barry Goren, Fed. Exec. of Seattle
- 23) Richard Goldman- San Francisco
- 24) Sol Goldman Foundation
- 25) Alex Grass, Harrisburg, PA
- 26) Ace Greenberg- via Harvey Krueger?
- 27) Harold Grinspoon- via Josh Elkin
- 28) Jesselson Family- N.Y.
- 29) Haas-Koshland, San Francisco
- 30) Joseph Kanter- Miami
- 31) Kohl Family- Milwaukee
- 32) Harvey Krueger (and Greenberg 23)
- 33) Ronald Lauder- via Harvey Krueger?
- 34) Levitt Fndn. Lake Success, NY
- 35) Norman Lipoff, Miami
- 36) Mort Mandel, Cleveland
- 37) Bernie Marcus, Atlanta
- 38) Peter May
- ✓ 39) Meyerhoff Family
- 40) Millken Family- L.A.
- 41) Paul Milstein
- 42) Morris Offitt

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- 43) Stephen Peck
- 44) Carol Petrie
- 45) Pritzker Family
- 46) Rabb Family- Boston
- 47) Albert Ratner- Cleveland
- 48) Bert Resnick- NY
- ✓ 49) Revson Fndn. via Eli Evans
- 50) Dan and Elihu Rose- N.Y.
- 51) Edmond Safra Fndn.- gave \$6 million toward \$60 million goal for the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park.
- 52) Maurice Saltzman, Cleveland
- ✓ 53) Lynn Schusterman- Tulsa
- 54) Nathan Shapell- L.A.
- 55) Shwayder Family- Denver
- 56) Larry Silverstein
- ✓ 57) Alan Slifka
- 58) Charles Smith- Washington
Robert A. Smith
Brother-in-law Bob- supporter of David Hartman
- 59) Sosland Family- K.C.
- 60) Abraham Spiegel- L.A.
- 61) Steven Spielberg- L.A.
- 62) Strauss Fndn- Baltimore
- 63) Michael Steinhardt- N.Y.
- 64) Stone Family- Cleveland

65) Leonard and Helen R. Stulman
Charitable Foundation- gave \$5 million to Johns Hopkins

66) Swig Family- San Francisco

67) Tisch Family- N.Y

68) Sanford Weill- N.Y.

69) Larry Weinberg- L.A.

✓ 70) Weinberg Fndn.- Baltimore

71) Joseph Wilf, N.J.

72) Ray Zimmerman- Nashville



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- 18) Hank and Maurice Greenberg (AIG group)
- 19) Abraham? (Slim Fast)- Palm Beach
- 20) Weinberg Fndn.- Baltimore
- 21) Gary Winnick - Global Crossing
one of the funders of Birthright Israel

JEWISH WORLD

New UJC funding for Israel

The United Jewish Communities announced \$28.1 million in new emergency funding to support Israelis.

The funds, donated to the UJC's Israel Emergency Campaign, will be used for emergency medical services and for preventing and relieving trauma.

Funds also will be earmarked for supporting Argentinian immigrants to Israel.

New Israel Fund cuts back

The New Israel Fund will centralize and scale back its U.S. offices in the hopes of pumping \$1 million more toward peace and social justice efforts in Israel.

The Washington-based group, which promotes peace and civil rights programs in Israel, will close regional offices in Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles and expand hubs in New York and San Francisco, the group announced Thursday.

The move, aimed at lowering the group's overhead and consolidating operations, should largely fund the additional \$1 million for Israel, officials said.

The fund said it has awarded \$120 million to 700 Israeli groups since 1979.

E.U. office probes P.A.

The European Union's anti-fraud office said it has been investigating the Palestinian Authority's use of E.U.-donated funds.

The office said Wednesday the probe was based on allegations that some moneys are being used to fund terrorism.

The inquiry has been going on for several months. "We decided to announce it publicly after media reports that an investigation was under way," a spokesman for the office said.

The announcement came amid calls from E.U. lawmakers that the European Parliament launch its own inquiry into how the Palestinian Authority is using E.U. funds.

Alleged Nazi expelled

Costa Rica expelled an alleged Nazi war criminal. Harry Mannil, 82, was prevented from moving from Venezuela to Costa Rica after the U.S. Justice Department notified officials in Costa Rica that he had served with the Estonian Political Police, who collaborated with the Nazis during World War II.

Efraim Zuroff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Jerusalem office, praised Costa Rica's "prompt action in denying a known Holocaust perpetrator the privilege of residing in Costa Rica, one of the world's leading democracies." Zuroff also called on Estonia to prosecute Mannil. "It is high time that the Estonian government finally realize that he is a Nazi war criminal and Holocaust perpetrator who must be brought to justice," he said.

Philanthropists, educators seek new strategy for funding day schools

By Joe Berkofsky

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Financial wizard Michael Steinhardt is blunt in assessing the future of North American Jewry.

The next generation is "mostly Jewish ignoramuses," Steinhardt says. "We haven't convinced the general Jewish population of the value of a Jewish education."

Steinhardt's bleak assessment was aimed not at Jews in general, but at a select group: those who have donated at least \$100,000 — and as much as several million — to Jewish day schools.

There are only 1,800 such major supporters of the country's approximately 700 Jewish day schools, however, and that, Steinhardt says, is "not enough."

"We need to double that number."

Steinhardt was addressing the third annual Donor Assembly of the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education, the day-school advocacy group he launched five years ago.

For the first time this week, those big donors mingled with Jewish communal and day school professionals in a leadership assembly of more than 600 people, aiming to hammer out a national strategy to promote Jewish day schools.

The gathering comes at a time when many day schools, viewed as solid foundations for lifelong Jewish identity, are strapped for funds.

And many who want to attend day schools cannot afford the high cost of a Jewish education.

Some 200,000 children attend Jewish day schools in this country, 79 percent of them Orthodox or fervently Orthodox.

Among the top goals of the philanthropists was finding new sources of money.

To bolster their advocacy effort, the group, known as PEJE, offered the initial findings of a survey of 177 of those big day-school supporters.

The group also released the results of interviews with 65 other donors, potential donors and day school experts.

The survey, conducted in October and November by TDC Research of Boston, found that among current donors, 49 percent give to day schools because they see them as vehicles to "ensure Jewish continuity" and 13 percent were motivated to give because they had a personal connection, such as a child or grandchild in day school.

But among donors, nondonors and experts, the study found:

- 81 percent believe that day schools ensure continuity.
- 78 percent supported day schools because of the Jews' "collective future."
- 75 percent backed day schools because they "foster communities of committed Jews."

Of those who responded, 97 percent also gave money to their synagogue; 92 percent aided their local federation; 73 percent helped some kind of Israel-focused program and 59 percent backed their local Jewish community center.

The donors surveyed hailed from 29 states and Canada, were usually parents or grandparents of day school students and sat on day school boards.

One such donor at the conference was Claire Ellman of La Jolla, Ca., whose three children attended the San Diego Jewish Academy, a pluralistic, 700-student school with students from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Ellman has just helped the school raise \$33 million toward a new building, the largest single effort to date in the city's Jewish community.

Born in South Africa, Ellman says her grandfather started Cape Town's first Jewish day school and infused her with a love for Jewish learning.

But she believes not all donors support education for the same reasons.

"A lot of people are going to give to Jewish education because they feel so strongly about continuity," she says, "but also because of a guilt complex" that they personally failed to teach their children Jewish values.

The study did not reach that conclusion, though it did find that 10 percent of donors said the most important reason to back Jewish day schools was to teach Jewish knowledge. □



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Dear Herb:

Thanks for your note and I look forward to joining you and Steve at 10:30 a.m. on the 16th at Steinhardt's offices.

I don't think it appropriate to invite Lee to this particular meeting, and I do not know who Alvin Mars is, Herb.

In all events, I will see you at 10:30 a.m. next week.

Best regards,


Richard L. Wexler

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TOP NEWS IN BRIEF

Bush budget includes Israel aid

President Bush's budget request includes increased military aid for Israel.

Released Monday, the budget calls for \$2.1 billion in military aid and \$600 million in economic aid for Israel.

This is in keeping with a plan to increase Israel's military aid by \$60 million each year while decreasing its economic aid by \$120 million each year until 2009 when, according to the plan, U.S. economic aid to Israel will end.

In the planned budget, Egypt will receive \$1.3 billion in military aid and \$615 in economic aid.

This is the first time that economic aid planned for Egypt will be higher than that earmarked for Israel.

According to the budget, Jordan will receive \$250 million in military aid and \$198 million in economic aid, while the West Bank and Gaza Strip will receive \$75 million, the usual allocation for projects run by the United States Agency for International Development.

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UJC names two senior officials

The United Jewish Communities named two new senior vice presidents.

Nachman Shai is the federation umbrella's senior vice president and director general of the Israel Office, and Ron Meier is the group's senior vice president for human resource development.

Shai most recently served as chairman of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

Meier has been executive vice president of the Jewish federation in Bergen County and North Hudson, N.J., since 1994.

Dreyfus statue defaced

Anti-Semitic vandals defaced a statue in Paris honoring Alfred Dreyfus.

The vandals scrawled a Star of David and wrote the words "Dirty Jew" on the statue.

In a case that sparked a wave of anti-Semitism in France, Dreyfus, a Jewish captain in the French army, was falsely convicted in 1894 of treason, publicly degraded and sent to Devil's Island, a penal colony in South America.

He served five years of a life sentence before receiving a presidential pardon.

UJC considers returning to known brand name — UJA

By Julie Wiener

NEW YORK (JTA) — When the North American Jewish federation system chose the name "United Jewish Communities" three years ago, some insiders joked that since the first two words already appeared in the name of one of the groups that preceded it, "communities" was the most expensive word in the Jewish lexicon.

The new name — decided on after focus group research and input from consultants — represented the merger of the United Jewish Appeal, Council of Jewish Federations and United Israel Appeal.

But now, at the request of several member federations, including Detroit and Chicago, the UJC is considering changing its name again — back to the United Jewish Appeal.

While supporters of the idea say the change could improve the group's name recognition and reaffirm its commitment to overseas needs, others say the UJA name carries negative baggage, and that it is ultimately more important what the group does than what it calls itself.

The UJC is the umbrella for 189 North American federations, Jewish philanthropies that raise and allocate money for community needs domestically and overseas, and 400 independent communities.

The group, which underwent a full leadership change at the top this fall, is currently in the process of trying to move from the merger stage — in which it was preoccupied with hammering out governance issues — to becoming a more active player.

The UJC is in the middle of a priority-setting process, in which it is under pressure to offer strong leadership and vision and be a coordinating body, while also trimming its approximately \$42 million annual budget.

It also is struggling to unite its diverse and sometimes disenchanted member federations.

Some federations believe the UJC has not offered enough services to justify its big budget.

Others are disappointed because their hopes that the merger would result in larger federation allocations for overseas needs have gone unfulfilled.

Federation campaigns raised a total of \$850 million in 2001, \$25 million more than in 2000. That is on top of separate funds raised as part of an Israel solidarity initiative and for endowments.

"The issue is simply that we had what marketers would call a significant amount of brand equity in the UJA name," said James Tisch, chairman of the UJC board.

"You say UJA to people, and they know what you're talking about," he said. "You say UJC, and more often than not they don't know, unless you're talking to people that are into inside-the-park baseball."

The discussion is still in its early stages, Tisch said, adding that he does not yet have an opinion on the matter.

Richard Pearlstone, the UJC's lay leader in charge of marketing, is gathering information, but member federations have not yet received a proposal or any details in writing.

"A number of federations brought up the issue and we're taking it under advisement," Tisch said.

Founded in 1938, the United Jewish Appeal ran widespread and largely successful grass-roots fund-raising campaigns that made it a household name.

For some, the UJA era represents a heyday in American Jewish communal

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Suggestions for Board of Governors
After discussion with Joseph Rackman April 3, 03
People can easily be added or dropped

Directors

Michael Steinhardt- Chairman
Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman- Founder
Richard Wexler- Campaign Chair
Dr. Steven Nasatir- President, CEO

Executive Committee at Large

Morris Offitt
Alan Slifka
Edgar Bronfman
John Ruskay
Lester Crown
Lynn Shusterman
Susan K. Stern
Carole Solomon - see JTA article
Harvey Krueger
Jack Wertheimer
Gary Rosenblatt
Eli Evans
Daniel Rose



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TOP NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman to head JAFI board

Carole Solomon will become the new chair of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel, according to informed sources.

Solomon, the chair of the Campaign/Financial Resource Development Pillar of the United Jewish Communities, emerged as the choice during meetings this week of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors in Jerusalem.

Solomon was approved unanimously Sunday by the Jewish Agency's nominating committee, which includes representatives of the United Jewish Communities and Keren Hayesod, and on Monday by the World Zionist Organization.

She is expected to be formally approved Tuesday by the entire Board of Governors.

Solomon, who lives in New York, succeeds Alex Gross, the founder of Rite Aid, who served for four years.

She will be the board's first female chair. Solomon beat out Robert Goldberg, chairman of the UJC's executive committee, and Richard Pearlstone, chair of the Jewish Agency's Budget and Finance Committee. Her term would begin in June.

3	Alan Bildner	+ Joseph Rackman	HAF	*
8	Stewart Colton		HAF	*
4	Lester Crown	(Steve Nasatir)		*
12	Michael Dell			
19	Max Fisher			
23	Richard Goldman	(Ruth Brian Lurie)		
24	Alex Gross	(HAF)		*
36	Mort Mendel			
37	Bernie Marcus	(David Sarnat)		*
39	Meyerhoff Family	(HAF)		*
40	Milliken Family			
42	Morris Offitt	(John Ruskey) HAF		*
45	Pritzker Family	(Steve Nasatir)		*
49	Revson Fdn.	HAF		
53	Lynn Shusterman	Michael		*
63	Michael Steinhart			*
67	Tisch Family			*
71	Joseph Wilt Family	HAF		*

May 5, 2003

Memo to Michael

1. Summary of Purpose
2. Joseph Rackman re: corporation board
3. Contact with Joe Imberman (sent him a plan). He's completely sympathetic to the basic premise and wishes to help by talking to federation endowment directors in New York, Chicago, Baltimore and San Francisco.
4. Rabbi Brian Lurie (David Gilo)
(Richard Goldman)
5. Leon Levy- Mega-Gifts not to Jewish causes.
6. Pick prospects and decide how to solicit
7. Philadelphia – good reaction- Irv Geffen 215- 832-5000, campaign director; v.p. fundraising, secretary Donna.
8. Bill Gates- Microsoft- strong on Israel
9. Michael Dell- via Mark Lit, local Federation, Exec.

Our Leadership

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Larry Zicklin*

Chair of the Board

Morris W. Offit*

Executive Vice President & CEO

John S. Ruskay

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2003 Campaign

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Susan K. Stern*

Vice Chair, 2003 Campaign &

Chair, Women's Campaign

Joan Ginsburg*

Chair, Special Gifts

Jerry W. Levin*

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Cheryl Fishbein*

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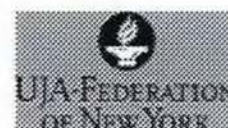
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sent to M.S.
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REPORT TO MICHAEL STEINHARDT

1. I asked Eli Evans for ten million – and tried to reach him again by phone. We will continue to talk.
2. Mark Charendoff-the visit was lengthy, cordial, and he fully agreed that the members of his JFN were exactly the people whom we have to reach with an educational umbrella, for they are the ones who may be lost in the erosion. He accepted our premise, was delighted that you were willing to be the chairman and explained that he could not solicit his members, but when I suggested that he could be the “shadchen” to match up a good solicitor with a good prospect; he accepted that.

May 2, 2003

Fund For The Jewish Future

The Fund's purpose

Is to create a massive umbrella of instruments designed to educate as many American Jewish persons as possible: children, young adults, college students, adults, senior citizens, new Russian immigrants, non-Jewish partners in intermarriages, persons seeking conversion to Judaism and non-Jews seeking knowledge about Jews.

The umbrella will include the following:

- 1.) Scores of day schools, from pre-school to elementary to high. These are to be established particularly in towns and cities lacking such schools, as well as larger cities possessing schools, but needing more.
- 2.) Increasing the number of Jewish summer camps for that age group.
- 3.) A program of Jewish studies for Hillel groups on university campuses.
- 4.) Enlarging the successful Birthright program for sending young adults on trips to Israel. So far tens of thousands have been sent and this must expand to hundreds of thousands.
- 5.) Adult seminar groups with a planned two-year curriculum.
- 6.) Adult study groups for the 400,000 Russian Jews who have migrated to the U.S. in the last decade, never having had the opportunity for such study in their home countries.
- 7.) Hebrew language ulpanim- based on the Israeli system.
- 8a.) Production of many more trained teachers and principals, by increasing the capacity of the education departments of the three major theological seminaries.
- 8b.) Purchasing the Baltimore and Boston Hebrew Colleges to increase the numbers of graduates.
- 9.) A massive endowment program for granting student aid. All facilities listed above must have completely free tuition. This will open the doors for millions of families to partake, children and parents alike, in all of these educational opportunities.

Conclusion:

Knowledge of Jewish history, religion, literature, tradition and Modern Israel, results in an individual's pride and a strong sense of tribal identity. The intellectual and psychological values of pride and identity will reduce the tendency to drift away, to assimilate. The Jewish Future in the U.S. can thus be protected.

The billions of dollars which this program will cost are worth the rescue of the millions of Jewish persons who will strengthen the Jewish presence in America, which, in turn, will strengthen Israel.



3/6/03

3. Irv Geffen, the campaign executive of Philadelphia, was approached by David Edell, to receive me and to listen to the story. Edell did such a good job that Geffen was prepared with a list of five persons who are perfect prospects for us: Annenberg, Kimmel, Abramson (U.S. Healthcare), Pearlman and Robertson. Geffen was actually excited at our project and promised to communicate his reaction to Harold Goldman, the chief executive of the Federation. The only worry Geffen communicated to Edell was that if we succeeded we might be hurting their annual campaign. I was prepared to explain the relationship of the Fund for the Future to the local community, with the following example: I suggested that Philadelphia should produce \$500 million, and in case that Philadelphia needed another day high school, we would build one there and endow it so that tuition could be free. If the Fund for the Future got money from the local community, we, in turn would give it back to them in whatever educational instruments they wanted. He was delighted to hear it, and asked that we suggest the next steps.

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Microsoft's Bill Gates: Israel Represents the Leading Edge of Innovation

Expressing confidence in the future of Israeli technology, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates said that his company will expand its investment in Israel in the future, YEDIOT AHARONOT reported. "We are investing and continue to invest in our research and development in Israel. Our team in Israel has recently been handed with some challenging and ambitious tasks. They are working with new developments, particularly in the field of digital security. In this area Israel has an impressive record of accomplishment," Gates said.

Gates said that despite the political and security situation, Israel continues to represent the cutting edge of innovation, and Microsoft will continue to be a part of it. "There is no connection between the war that Israel is fighting and the future of the technology that is being created there," he said. He added that while the company is always concerned about the welfare of its employees, security concerns "won't stop us from deepening our activities in Israel."

Microsoft Israel, founded in 1989, is one of the few Microsoft outposts abroad fully owned and operated by the U.S. parent company. The Microsoft research and development center in Haifa is one of a small group of overseas centers involved developing new products for the U.S. based company.



April 4, 2003



SOUNDING OFF

**‘From 6 million in 1945,
there should be 36 million Jews
in the U.S. today.’**

*Outgoing Chief Ashkenazi **RABBI YISRAEL LAU**, speaking to the
Jerusalem Post Monday about the effects of assimilation, lack of education
and intermarriage on U.S. Jewry.*