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COHEN ELECTED TO HEAD 1987 CK.JF BOARD

Results of the CKJF board election, conducted in December by a mail ballot, were announced by Nominating Committee Chair Simone Salomon.

Elected to fill the five vacancies on the board were Philip Berger, Janice Brock, Harriet Cooper, Evelyn Geller, and Cheri Rose.

Reappointed to the board for three-year terms were David Kaplan, representing Temple Adath Israel, and Anne Mervis, representing Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Appointed to a three-year term representing the Lexington Havurah was Roy Peck.

Dr. Philip Berger is a past president of Ohavay Zion Synagogue, has been active in CKJF activities such as the Forum Selection sub-committee and Community Relations Committee, and is a Men's Division solicitor for Campaign '87. Phil is professor of Public Administration and Management at U.K.

Janice Brock presently serves on CKJF's Camp Shalom Committee and the Women's Division board, co-chairing the Benefactors event. She is a member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue and its Sisterhood, Hadassah and CKJF Interact. She and her husband own the New Way Boot Shop.

Harriet Cooper, a past CKJF board member, has in the past chaired the CKJF Forum Selection Committee and Women's Division Campaign, and co-chaired Super Sunday for two years. Harriet is an active member of Ohavay Zion Synagogue, its Sisterhood and Hadassah.



CKJF President Gail Cohen

Evelyn Geller currently chairs the CKJF Social Services Committee and is a member of the CKJF Budget and Allocations Committee. In the past she chaired the latter committee and the Scholarships sub-committee. Ms. Geller is a member of Dhavay Zion Synagogue and the Lexington Havurah and has served on the boards of both. She is on the faculty of the UK College of Nursing.

Cheri Rose is currently serving as vice-chair of the CKJF-UJA Women's Division. She is a member of Temple Adath Israel, the Sisterhood board, and the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah. She serves on the CKJF Camp Shalom Committee and is a member of CKJF Interact.

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Roy Peck has been active in the Central Kentucky Jewish community since his arrival here from Austin, Texas one year ago. In Austin, Roy was on the board of Augudas Achaim Synagogue. He presently serves on the Lexington Havurah board and the Chevra Kadisha Committee at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Mr. Peck is employed at IBM.

Officers of the CKJF board, having been presented by the Nominating Committee, were elected to two year terms at the Jan. 28 CKJF board meeting.

Elected as CKJF President was Gail Cohen, First Vice President Bob Baumann, Second Vice President Simone Salomon, Secretary Cheri Rose, and Treasurer Janice Brock. Ellie Goldman and Joe Rosenberg were elected to at-large positions on the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Cohen is a past-president of the Jewish Community Association (the predecessor of CKJF); a former chair of the Camp Shalom Committee, and CKJF Women's Division Campaign Chair in 1982 and 1983. She currently chairs the Community Relations Committee sub-committee on Oppressed Jewry and the 1986 & 1987 CKJF-UJA Campaign Committee.

A past president of the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah and the Central States Region of Hadassah, Gail currently chairs the Central States Hadassah Zionist Youth Commission and is a member of the National Board of Hadassah. A Lexington resident for 18 years, Mrs. Cohen is a member of Dhavay Zion Synagogue and the Lexington Havurah.

CKJF recently announced that the terms of four of its members have come to a close, and we take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the following board members.

Sheila DeKosky has been on the board for five years and for the last two was First Vice-President. A winner of the 1984 CKJF Young Leadership Award, she has been active in the Community Relations Committee and the Women's Division Campaign board, and was one of two original co-chairs of the CKJF Young Leadership Program, Interact. In addition, she chaired the 1985 CKJF Annual Meeting.

Marilyn Moosnick has been on the board for six years. She has been on the Women's Division Campaign board, has co-chaired the Community Relations Committee, and in 1984 chaired the CKJF Annual Meeting. With experience in television, she was instrumental in the production of the CKJF's award winning video "And I Was There".

Leon Ravvin has served in an at-large position on the CKJF Executive Committee for the past two years. Dr. Ravvin was one of the original participants in CKJF's Mission to Washington, D.C., and he recently co-chaired the Shalom Lexington sub-committee.

Our final farewell goes to Terry Wilson who has served on the board as the Lexington Havurah representative for the past five and a half years. Terry served as board secretary for the past two years and on the Nominating Committee.

"Sheila, Marilyn, Leon and Terry," said President Gloria Katz, "were elected or appointed to the board because of their willingness to focus their intellect on Jewish concerns and exert time and energy promoting these concerns. I know even though they are no longer on the CKJF board, each will continue as a leader in the Jewish community; their dedication is beyond doubt."

A complete list of the 1987 CKJF board and the date of their individual terms appears on page 16.

Former President Gloria Katz Bids Farewell

My deepest thanks to the officers and board of CKJF for giving me the opportunity to serve as CKJF president these past two years.

I'm grateful to you for your support and cooperation.

My thanks also to the many members of CKJF who so willingly gave of their time and talents to serve on our committees, work on our projects and events and participate in CKJF activities.

Finally, a word of thanks to our professional staff: former administrator Judy Saxe, present administrator Linda Ravvin, and office manager Beth Altenkirch. It was your wise counsel, hard work and dedication that made it all possible.

Thanks and Shalom,

Aloria Katy

CKJF-UJA WOMEN'S DIVISION

BENEFACTORS EVENT MARCH 8, 1987, 8 P.M. at Bugatti's

In the thick of winter, Women's Division is planning to welcome spring in fine style with the 1987 Campaign Benefectors event.

On Sunday evening, March 8, "Benefactors" to the 1987 Federation - United Jewish Appeal Campaign will spend an hour bringing back a lifetime of memories.

Maxine Kronick, a talented, creative, and award-winning performer, will present "From Shtetl With Love", an eyewitness slide presentation on modern day Eastern European Jewry.

Ms. Kronick is no stranger to the communications arts; she has done extensive work in summer stock as well as dinner theatre. She has also done radio and television commercials. The only woman ever to receive the B'nai B'rith Humanitarian of the Year Award, Ms. Kronick's work has also received numerous accolades from the UJA, Hadassah and the YWCA.

She has lectured extensively on the Holocaust to high school and junior high school students, and had written and produced her own radio program for two years entitled "Maxine and the Jewish Connection".

In "From Shetetl with Love", Ms. Kronick is able to give us a rare insight to the hopes, dreams, and lives of our Eastern European brethren.

The presentation takes us through Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Rumania, and Poland and brings to life the synagogues, schools, cemeteries and museums that many of us left behind.

All of this will take place Sunday, March 8 at 8 p.m. at Bugatti's on Euclid Avenue. Women pledging a minimum of \$150 to the 1987 CKJF-UJA Campaign are invited to take part in this exciting evening, along with their escorts.

Women who have not yet pledged to this year's campaign will be solicited at this time.

The evening will include a dessert and coffee reception. This year's Benefactors Event is co-chaired by Janice Brock, Kim Rosenstein and Nancy Scher.

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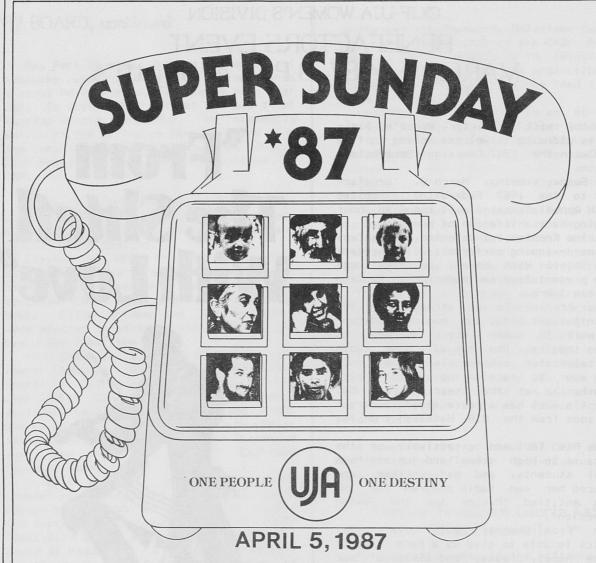
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... When Your Phone Line Becomes a Lifeline

Super Sunday is a very special day. All over the nation on that day, people will make thousands of telephone calls in an attempt to reach every household in the American Jewish community.

On Super Sunday, you will receive a call from one of

your neighbors asking you to help Jews in need at home, in Israel and around the world.

When your telephone rings, answer the call. Your support is essential to the quality of Jewish life in the years ahead.

Volunteers are needed in many capacities. Please indicate your willingness to help by clipping and mailing this form to Vinnie Dubilier, 665 Bayswater Way, Lexington, KY 40503.

Yes, I will be available to help on Super Sunday, April 5, 1987.

I can be reached at: _____(Phone)

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Reform Leadership Urges Support of UJA-Federation Campaigns

The following letter, in support of the United Jewish Appeal/Federation campaign, was sent to all Reform congregational rabbis in December. It is signed by the presidents of the five Reform movement organizations: World Union for Progressive Judaism, Hebrew Union College, Association of Reform Zionists of America, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Dear Rabbi,

For the past several years the Reform Movement has been seeking grants from The Jewish Agency and the United Jewish Appeal for Reform programs in Israel. These efforts, widely reported, have raised questions conerning the cooperation of our Movement with the UJA which we wish to clarify.

We reiterate our support of the philanthropic efforts of our local Federations and national UJA. We urge all members of our Movement to continue their efforts on behalf of Federation campaigns. This support is of great importance to Israel and to our local community and national needs.

We seek not the diminution of funds available for Israel, only a more equitable distribution among the institutions there. Therefore, we will pursue our determined quest to gain a favorable response to our grant proposals.

The leaders of the UJA and of our Movement have been in continuing communication with one another regarding this matter. We are working in a mutually supportive way, and it is our hope and expectation that we will have specific, positive developments to report within the next several months.

CKJF Budget & Allocation Process to Begin

CKJF's Budget and Allocations Committee will meet this month to discuss which charities, outside the United Jewish Appeal, should receive money from the Federation.

The committee welcomes suggestions for funding, both for Jewish and non-Jewish charities. The deadline for submitting them is Feb. 15, and they should be sent to the CKJF office.

CKJF sends 70 percent of the money it raises through the General Campaign to the UJA. Money contributed to designated funds such as Project Renewal is used only for that purpose.

Administrative expenses are taken from the remaining 30 percent.

The balance at the end of the fiscal year is then combined with other federation income, such as interest on investments, and is distributed to other charities.

Funding recommendations of the Budget and Allocations Committee must be approved by the CKJF board. After this year's recipients are designated, a list will be published in the CKJF newsletter.

Chairing this year's B & A Committee are Charles Stern and Ron Fleischman. Serving with them are Harold Baker, Martin Barr, Gail Cohen, Evelyn Geller, Ellie Goldman, Erle Levy, Tomas Milch, and David Wekstein.

In 1986 over \$16,000 was distributed to charities in the United States and abroad, aiding medical and welfare programs as well as educational institutions and youth activities. It included almost \$3000 in support of programs in Central Kentucky.

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TOUR ISRAEL WITH A MISSION ... A UJA MISSION

Begin now to plan for your next trip to Israel — and let your CKJF point you in the right direction. Administrator Linda Ravvin receives a regular influx of promotional brochures, letters and booklets on missions and tours to Israel and is more than willing to share these.

Tourism is a major industry for Israel, one which needs your patronage. Last year 1.4 million tourists spent \$1.3 billion, a sum larger than that derived from exports.

Safety in travel to Israel is no more a problem than in travel anywhere. In fact, in security-conscious Israel, the airline/airport personnel, police and border patrol work in concert to thwart terrorism, a joint effort most countries can afford to emulate. Many security measures are visible (for example, purses and bags are frequently checked in holy sites, stores and theatres), and many are secret and strategic. After one overcomes the initial distaste of seeing armed guards and soldiers everywhere, one begins to feel secure because of this diligence in security matters.

Most tours include visits to archaeological sites, religious sites, museums, kibbutzim, and major cities. United Jewish Appeal Missions go a few steps beyond. They offer meetings with political leaders, military leaders and soldiers. They take you to Project Renewal neighborhoods and they give you a look at immigration and absorption. The UJA's purpose in sponsoring missions is to strengthen the ranks of annual Campaign supporters and solicitors by building emotional and intellectual ties that will last a lifetime.

The following are a sample of UJA sponsored trips. This year's trips are coming up shortly and applications are either due immediately or are past due. Call Linda Ravvin at the CKJF office, and she will make the contacts to get you included on one of these. Similar trips are offered from year to year, and it's not too early to inquire about later missions.

Gesher Mission, Mar. 1-10, 1987 (application due Jan. 30)

The well-rounded itinerary of the Gesher (Bridge) Mission includes visits to the coastal cities of Tel Aviv, Caesaria,

Acco and Haifa as well as Jerusalem and the Galilee. Meet a cross section of the people of Israel in excursions to a kibbutz, an army base, Lexington/Louisville's Project Renewal neighborhood and a Jewish Agency Absorption Center.

With a campaign contribution of \$500 or more, the UJA and CKJF offer a substantial subsidy to one participant per family. The cost is \$1500 per person (from New York) and the CKJF and UJA will each subsidize \$500. At least five people from the community must sign up.

Am Echad Mission -- Young Leadership Cabinet, Mar. 25-April 5, 1987

One of the most unique missions, the Am Echad Mission has an agenda that includes a pre-mission experience in one of several European diaspora communities. Participants spend three full days in their choice of Amsterdam, London, Milan, Paris, Stockholm or Zurich. Each jam-packed itinerary includes meetings with our European counterparts and with political leaders, home hospitality, and visits to synagogues and other centers of the Jewish community.

Each sub-group then joins in Israel for an itinerary based not on sight-seeing but on exploring a variety of current political, economic and military issues. Discussions will be led by the leaders of Israel as well as by professionals in law, medicine, finance, industry and agriculture. You will learn about Northern security with a visit to the Golan; you will discuss the future of the Negev at developments in the Negev; and you will learn about the history of Israel's statehood with tours of battlefields.

This tour is recommended for those who have already been to Israel. You are eligible if either you or your spouse is under 40. The cost is \$2200.

Dor Le Dor Mission, May 3-14, 1987

Called "From Generation to Generation", this mission takes mothers and daughters to Poland and Israel. This is the first UJA National Women's Division mission and requires a minimum campaign gift of \$2500 from one family member. Minimum age is

Please contact the CKJF office for information.

SUMMER IS AROUND THE CORNER AND IT'S TIME TO REGISTER YOUR KIDS FOR CAMP

Although winter's worst has yet to hit, it's time to consider summer camps. There is a substantial selection that offers activities and experiences within the Jewish heritage. We've named here a few of the closest as well as a program in Israel. Registration has begun for many Jewish camps; don't procrastinate because the best camps fill up the fastest. Contact each camp for registration forms and more information.

Goldman Union Camp Institute -

Zionsville, Indiana
Sponsored by the Reform movement, this camp is for boys and girls entering grades 4 through 10. It offers hiking, sports, dance, drama, photography, filmmaking and

Kallah Aleph and Bet Programs

dates: Aleph, June 12 - July 8
Bet, July 10 - August 5

cost: 4 weeks, \$835; 8 weeks, \$1670
(add \$50 for the 4-week or \$100 for the 8-week if your family is not part of a member congregation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.)

OVFTY Institute

This week-long camp serves as a leadership institute for OVFTY members. dates: August 6-12

cost: \$140

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Contact: Rabbi Ronald Koltz, GUCI, 9349 Moore Rood, Zionsville, IN 46077-9395, (317) 873-3361.

Camp Livingston

In Southeastern Indiana, this camp is sponsored by the Cincinnati Federation. Activities and programs are geared to ages and interests. New in-ground swimming pool should add up to a lot of fun and games. For youth entering 2nd grade through high school juniors.

cost: \$585 - two week session \$995 - four week session \$1470 - six week session

\$1895 - eight week session

Contact: Joe Stavsky at the Jewish Community Center in Cincinnati, (513) 761-7500.

Camp Young Judaea -- Nelsonville, Wisconsin

This Hadassah sponsored camp moves to a new location this year and offers nature trails, sports, water sports and arts and crafts. It includes day trips to an amusement park, an aircraft museum and show, and a white water rafting expedition. It is for youths aged 8-14.

dates: June 25 - July 20 or July 23 - August 17

cost: \$995

Contact: the camp office at (312) 676-9790 in Skokie, Il or Miriam Aronsky at (614) 231-5074 in Columbus, Ohio.

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Dear CKJF,

Thankyou for keeping the Kentucky Jewish Reigon together! I loved CYS This past year! I am looking foward to going next year! When I start getting bigger I want to be an educated Jewish lady! I can't wait until next year's CYS camp.

Love, Diane Haber

Camps, continued

1987 American Zionist Youth Foundation -

Israel Programs

The American Zionist Youth Foundation sponsors many summer programs for high school students. The offering includes a 38-day general tour; a 3-week kibbutz experience; a 3-week Hebrew University science seminar; a 3-week Ulpan course at Hebrew University; a tennis program; a 36-day leadership program; and a seminar for youth in the arts.

Contact: American Zionist Youth Foundation, Inc., Israel Program Center, 515 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022-9918.

Scholarships Available

CKJF's Scholarship Committee has funds available for young people who need financial assistance in order to attend a non-profit Jewish summer camp or who are interested in participating in an educational program in Israel.

Camperships may not exceed 50% of the combined cost of camp tuition and transportation. Family income and circumstances which impose a financial burden on the family are taken into consideration.

Scholarships for Israel study are limited to not more than \$500. They are awarded to young members of the Jewish community to assist them in strengthening their commitment to Judaism. A recipient must plan to spend at least six months in Central Kentucky following return from Israel, during which time some form of service must be given to the Jewish community.

All information provided on the application is kept confidential.

For applications or further information please contact CKJF Administrator Linda Ravvin. <u>DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS</u> APRIL 1.

Camperships and scholarships are examples of services made possible through this Federation by your support of the annual CKJF-UJA Campaign.

A Most Unforgettable Tu B'Shvat Celebration

During the American Army occupation of post-war Germany in 1946, Larry Sherman was stationed in Hochst, near Frankfurt-am-Main. He sometimes wrote a descriptive letter to his wife, Natalie. The following is about a Tu B'Shvat program which took place in a Jewish displaced persons' camp — it reflects the plight of some surviving Jews in Europe after the war.

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"This afternoon I visited the Zeilsheim Assembly Center, a Jewish D.P. (Displaced Persons) community not more than two miles from our headquarters in town. The occasion was the celebration of Hamisha Asar b'Shevat (the Palestinian Arbor Day). The program was held in one of the Assembly's mess halls which was decorated with American and Jewish flags. The holiday had a special meaning for the children—about 150 kids from 8 to 16 years—most of whom were orphaned by the Nazi Regime. When my friend and I got there, the kids had already started to lustily sing Chaluzim (Palestinian) songs.

One half of the mess hall was reserved for the kids who sat at three very long tables forming a large "U". The other table, where the guests were, was almost past the half-way mark in the hall, so that a stage effect was created — good enough to let the spectators — who were the older people — view the whole pro-

The chairman was a one-time Lithuanian lawyer whose wife and only child had been gassed by the Germans. He explained the meaning of the holiday and told the children that Hamisha Asar b'Shevat commemorated the planting of trees -- and for them it meant the beginning of a new life in the land of Zion. He asked everyone to rise and stand silently in remembrance of the 2,000,000 Jewish childen who were slaughtered in Europe in "Today," he the concentration camps. concluded, "is Rosh Hashana (New Year) for the Trees, and our hope is that it is a Rosh Hashana - a new life for us - soon, in Palestine."

Then spoke Ruth Klinger, a woman who shares with Judge Jacob Rifkin at the U.S.

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Forces European Theater Headquarters, responsibility for all the displaced Jews in the entire European area. She had returned three days before from a ten-day trip to Palestine. She told of the feverish building and planning there for the expected remnants from hate-filled Europe. She said that every child in Palestine to whom she spoke asked her to give greetings to their friends and tell them, "we wait for you and have a place for you". Just before she sat down, she prophesied that, "You children will build Eretz Israel and your children will build Eretz Israel for generations -- and eternity." The applause was thunderous.

After Miss Klinger came a Dr. Hoffman, some kind of a delegate from Palestine, who greeted the children also and addressed them in a very simple Hebrew. He took me back to the days when I used to go to Cheder at Beth Tifiloh, and made me ashamed that I had learned so little and forgotten so much of that. Later, I was even more ashamed when I heard 8 and 10 year-olds converse easily in Hebrew and they had learned what they knew only since V-E day in Jewish D.P. camps.

The program itself was conducted by the kids. One 14 year-old girl led a chorus in Hebrew songs; another girl of 13 years recited a fiery poem which she had composed herself, which depicted the sufferings in concentration camps and expressed hope for freedom in the land of Zion. A 12 year-old red-headed boy, who had fought as a partisan (Polish) with the Russians, sang a Yiddish Lied (song). Some comedy was provided by an 8 year-old boy whose oversized ears and missing front teeth added to the humor of the recitation he gave, which concerned the tale of a little boy who stole his grandfather's snuff box and made himself sick with sneezing. There was more group singing and dancing and choral recitations. The final number was a series of violin solos accompanied by an accordion. The violinist was the ex-concert master of the Riga Opera Symphony. He played everything "Hatikva" to "a Yiddishe Mamme" to "Off'n Pripachok".

Then came the eats -- and I was happy to see that the kids got plenty of candy

and gum. (The source of the sweets was duo-fold -- from contributions by Palestinian Brigadeers stationed in Holland -- and from contributions collected by our local organization committee which consists of boys on our staff and miscellaneous groups in the Information and Education Division.

I left the festivities with the feeling that I, for one, would never know peace of mind till those kids — and the thousands they represented — got to Palestine and began life again, and I feel the same way about the older people. My days of arm-chair philosophising about Zionism are over. I've seen too much to be able to stand by and let things happen. I'm helping just a little now by collecting sweets, clothing, and miscellaneous items from the soldiers for the kids in the nearby camps. God help me to help my forsaken people over here."

Consul General of Israel Visits Bluegrass

Love, Larry

Lexington welcomed for three days the Consul General of Israel, David Ben-Dov of the Philadelphia Consular Office. He had been invited to speak by the University of Kentucky Faculty Association on Jewish Affairs (FAJA) and addressed the topic of "Israel and the World Today".

He had a full schedule arranged for him by CKJF Administrator Linda Ravvin. There were class lectures to students at both Transylvania University and U.K. Meetings with the Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky Steven Beshear and with Mayor Scotty Baesler were arranged. A press conference was held; and a lunchtime discussion with the faculty of the Lexington Theological Seminary was very successful.

A meeting with Governor Collins was unfortunately cancelled when she was delayed out of state due to snowstorms.

Mr. Ben-Dov attended the concert at the UK Center for the Arts featuring the Sinfonietta of Israel and Roberta Peters. The performance was followed by a reception given by Hadassah to honor its membership and the performers, at which the Consul General spoke of cultural links and other ties between Israel and the U.S.

The visit was a very successful one with many opportunities to advance awareness and knowledge of Israel and the Jewish community in Central Kentucky.

The World Our Jewish Children Will Inherit

There is a lovely story in Jewish literature about a somewhat tactless skeptic who was taking a walk one day and saw a very old man planting a carob tree. Now, a carob tree takes 70 years to mature. The skeptic looked at the old man and said, "Tell me, do you expect to eat the fruit of this tree you are planting?"

"No," said the old man.

"Then why are you doing it?"

"Because all my life I ate the fruit of the trees my grandfather planted, and so I must plant trees for my grandchildren."

We are in the same situation. Our parents or grandparents made the risky decision to cross the seas to reach an unfamiliar country. They faced deprivation and lived as "greenhorns" -- as immigrants. We are the beneficiaries of their sacrifices.

We have eaten of the "trees" our grandparents planted. And now, since we are responsible human beings, we will want to do our part to improve the world our own grandchildren will inherit. We can't be sure that the "trees" we plant will bear fruit. We can hope. We can't know what the world of our grandchildren will be like, but we can plant our "trees", and pray that nothing will come along to cut them down.

What do we want for our grandchildren?

We want happiness for them, of course, and that means we want Jews to continue to be safe and respected. We want our descendants to remain attached to their people and the land of their people. And that means we want to see Israel strong and prosperous and democratic, with the kind of government and policies that our grandchildren will read about with pride.

We want them to be able to visit Israel when they have the chance, and look about, and smile at what they see. We want them to see and possibly to settle among — if they wish — healthy, proud people, living in a secure, attractive, modern country. And we know, instinctively, that what they find there will determine their attitudes toward their own Jewishness and, in large measure, the attitudes of the world toward them.

We know this is true because those of us who have reached a certain age remember what the world was like before there was an Israel. And we know how it changed. We know we can't make the world love us,

and maybe we no longer try. But we know that the world learned to respect us after 1948, and certainly after the Six-Day War in 1967, and after Entebbe. We know what enabled American Jews to walk with greater confidence. And we want that for our children and grandchildren.

So we know the kind of "trees" we have to plant today. And we have actually been planting them.

Every time we contribute through the Federation to Project Renewal, or to the absorption of Ethiopian Jewish immigrants, or Russian Jews, we are planting "trees" of independence and hope. When we contribute to Youth Aliyah, or immigrant housing, we are also planting. Every time we contribute to the funds that JDC will use to benefit Jews in Israel or around the world, we are planting "trees" with sheltering branches. And every time we plant such a "tree", we make it more likely that our grandchildren will eat of the fruit.

We don't know what happened to the old man who planted the carob tree, or to his grandchildren. But the story survived and became a classic. And so it seems reasonable that the skeptic was converted and began planting trees himself. Whether you start out as a planter or a skeptic, it's hard to escape the old man's logic. Anyone with a sense of the future, and a feeling for his or her own grandchildren, will grasp the point.

Editor's Note: The above appears in the December 14, 1986 issue of the <u>Jewish Observer</u>, published by the Syracuse Jewish Federation.

THANKS

A special thanks goes to Judy Goldfader and the Howard Johnson Lodge on North Broadway for coming to our rescue. When the CKJF office learned that Reguesh performers would be arriving two days earlier than expected, Judy stepped forward and offered their excellent accommodations at a substantial savings.

Forum Chair Susan Cantor and Home Hospitality Coordinator Jack Miller join us in thanking the generous members of the community who opened their homes to the ensemble following Sunday evening's performance.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The following is reprinted from the Fall 1986 <u>Latin American Report</u>, published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

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A former President of Costa Rica, Luis Alberto Monge, received the 1986 Defender of Jerusalem Award of the Jabotinsky Foundation, the sponsor of the \$100,000 prize, awarded in recognition for "extraordinary actions in standing up in defense of the rights of the Jewish people".

Eryle Spektor, a Foundation spokesman, said that "the intense pressures from other countries and international bodies to keep the Costa Rican Embassy in Tel Aviv were outweighed by his recognition of the right of the Jewish State to determine that its capital is where the heart and soul of the Jewish people have been for thousands of years". President Monge transferred his country's embassy to Jerusalem in 1982.

Panama

Panamanian President Eric Arturo del Valle, who is Jewish, became an honorary member of the Irving Zapp B'nai B'rith Lodge at a dinner attended recently by 250 people. President del Valle, who was inaugurated as president in September, 1985, told the audience that the Jewish community can be "proud to be Panamanian and proud of its relevant contribution, making our nation a place where different races and cultures live perfectly together".

Mission is Set Up In Greece

(From the <u>American Israelite</u>, December 25, 1986:)

Athens, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- Israel recently established its first full-fledged diplomatic mission in Greece.

Greece has never extended de jure recognition to Israel. For that reason, the Israeli envoy, Moshe Gilbon presented his letter of accreditation to the Foreign Minister rather than to the President.

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Greece, moreover, has taken a consistently pro-Arab stand in the Middle East conflict and has, in fact, refused to go along with its European Economic Community (EEC) partners' decision to impose sanctions against Syria for its involvement in recent international terrorist acts.

The upgrading of Israel's representation in Athens from Consular level to diplomatic mission, coupled with other recent manifestations of Greek-Israeli cooperation represents a substantial advance in their relations.

Congress Expands U.S.-Israel Ties

Extracted from the <u>Near East Report</u>, October 27, 1986.

A flurry of last-minute legislation by the 99th Congress will expand U.S.-Israel relations. Among the measures approved by the departing Congress were the fiscal 1987 Continuing Resolution (CR), which includes \$3 billion in all-grant military and economic assistance for Israel, and the fiscal 1987 Defense Authorization bill, which contains provisions broadening the U.S.-Israel strategic relationship.

For the second consecutive year the CR allocated \$1.8 billion in military aid and \$1.2 billion in economic aid for Israel.

Numerous other pro-Israel amendments were passed as part of the CR. Among them are a prohibition on U.S. government-PLO contact, a \$2 million appropriation for construction of a Voice of America transmitter in Israel, and provisions allocating \$450 million for the development of the Lavi aircraft — including \$300 million for research, development and procurement in Israel. Congress also barred politically motivated attempts to hold up Lavi project contracts.

Congress approved an amendment to the CR allowing reciprocal no-cost leasing of defense equipment. Israel has asked to lease 25 Cobra helicopter gunships from the United States. The U.S. Navy and Marine Corps are leasing two squadrons of Israeli-built Kfir fighter-bombers at no

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The fiscal 1987 Defense Authorization bill includes amendments which could lead to designation of Israel as a major non-NATO ally, thereby opening opportunities for Israel to join the United States in joint research and development ventures, strategic cooperation and weapons procurement.

The defense bill sets aside \$50 million of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) budget for anti-tactical ballistic missile (ATBM) research and development. which has signed a Memorandum of Understanding on SDI, is considered likely to play a key role in the ATBM program. Syrian deployment of Soviet tactical ballistic missiles poses a threat to Israel, which lacks a military answer other than preemption -- to these accurate short-range weapons.

The bill also allows Israel to bid on contracts to provide logistical support, supplies and services for U.S. forces overseas. In addition, the measure authorizes the Pentagon to test and evaluate Israeli and other weapons already

developed by our allies.

Deleted from the final version of the Defense Authorization bill were amendments that would have severely restricted Israeli and other foreign firms seeking to compete for U.S. defense contracts.

During the closing hours of the 99th Congress, more than 125 Senators and Representatives signed letters to President Reagan urging the Administration to impose Libya-like anti-terrorism sanctions on Syria. The initiative was led by Sens. Rudy Boschwitz (R-Minn.) and Frank (D-N.J.) and Reps. Pete Lautenberg Kostmayer (D-Pa.) and Don Sundquist (R-Tenn.).

In the wake of the PLO grenade attack in Jerusalem recently, 10 Republican Senators sent a telegram, drafted by Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), to the President urging him to order the closing of the Palestine Information Office (PIO) in Washington, D.C. According to its own registration statements filed with the Justice Department, the PIO receives a quarter of a million dollars from the PLO.

Peres Reaffirms Relationship

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Extracted from the Near East Report, November 24, 1986.

"We are allies. We are not neutral. We are not shy or apologetic in our relations with the United States of America," said Israel's Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Speaking before the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly in Chicago, Peres expressed his nation's pride in being designated "a major non-NATO ally" by the U.S.

Peres explained that Israel and the U.S. have cooperated extensively and fruitfully to combat terrorism and promote peace. He stated that U.S. cooperation helped end the war in Lebanon and improve relations between Israel and Egypt. U.S. support also enabled Israel to make headway in its relations with Jordan, including the opening of the first Jordanian bank on the West Bank.

Peres hoped that the U.S. would be instrumental in broadening the peace process because, "Our enemies are not Arabs or Moslems or Christians. enemies are hostility, belligerency and war."

But the Israeli leader noted that his Arab counterparts are constrained by political and economic forces. He stated that terrorism prevents heads of state from "making the right choices" and called upon the international community to help eliminate this threat. He also urged Japan and Europe to take some of the billions of dollars they have saved due to low oil prices and reinvest them in Egypt and Jordan to bolster those countries' economies. "These governments are in real danger," said Peres, "and this may become a risk to peace."

The former Prime Minister said that he was not opposed to U.N. involvement in the peace process but added that Israel would reject any solution imposed by nations not directly involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict. "We are trying to resolve our dispute with the Arabs peacefully, diplomatically and immediately," said Peres.

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Domestically, Peres credited Israel's national unity government for healing the rifts between Ashkenazim and Sephardim and for redressing past mistakes made with the Arab minority.

He thanked the United States for its help in solving Israel's financial crisis and quipped that Israel regretted having to renounce its claim to the world's worst rate of inflation.

Noting that 1986 marked the centennial of David Ben Gurion's birth, Peres called upon American Jews to help in the development of the Negev, one of Ben Gurion's most cherished projects. "If we can do this we will prove once again that we can convert a desert into an agricultural garden and an industrial power. It is not a desert that makes a people poor, but people who can make a desert rich. We want to enrich this desert."

Wiesel's Speech at Nobel Ceremony

Following is the prepared text of the acceptance speech by Elie Wiesel, the winner of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize, at a ceremony in Oslo Dec. 10, 1986, as made available by an aide.

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It is with a profound sense of humility that I accept the honor you have chosen to bestow upon me. I know your choice transcends me. This both frightens and pleases me.

It frightens me because I wonder: do I have the right to represent the multitudes who have perished? Do I have the right to accept this great honor on their behalf? I do not. That would be presumptuous. No one may speak for the dead, no one may interpret their mutilated dreams and visions.

It pleases me because I may say that this honor belongs to all the survivors and their children, and through us, to the Jewish people with whose destiny I have always identified.

I remember: it happened yesterday or eternities ago. A young Jewish boy discovered the kingdom of night. I remember his bewilderment, I remember his anguish. It all happened so fast. The ghetto. The deportation. The sealed

cattle car. The fiery altar upon which the history of our people and the future of mankind were meant to be sacrificed.

'Can This Be True?'

I remember: he asked his father: "Can this be true? This is the 20th century, not the Middle Ages. Who would allow such crimes to be committed? How could the world remain silent?"

And now the boy is turning to me: "Tell me," he asks, "What have you done with my future? What have you done with your life?"

And I tell him that I have tried. That I have tried to keep memory alive, that I have tried to fight those who would forget. Because if we forget, we are quilty, we are accomplices.

And then I explained to him how naive we were, that the world did know and remain silent. And that is why I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.

'Sometimes We Must Interfere'

Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men or women are persecuted because of their race, religion or political views, that place must — at that moment — become the center of the universe.

Of course, since I am a Jew profoundly rooted in my people's memory and tradition, my first response is to Jewish fears, Jewish needs, Jewish crises. For I belong to a traumatized generation, one that experienced the abandonment and solitude of our people. It would be unnatural for me not to make Jewish priorities my own: Israel, Soviet Jewry, Jews in Arab lands.

But there are others as important to me. Apartheid is, in my view, as abhorrent as anti-Semitism. To me, Andrei Sakharov's isolation is as much of a disgrace as Iosif Begun's imprisonment. As is the denial of Solidarity and its leader Lech Walesa's right to dissent. And Nelson Mandela's interminable imprisonment.

There is so much injustice and suffering crying out for our attention: victims of hunger, or racism and political persecution, writers and poets, prisoners in so

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many lands governed by the left and by the right. Human rights are being violated on every continent. More people are oppressed than free.

Palestinians and Israelis

And then, too, there are the Palestinians to whose plight I am sensitive but whose methods I deplore. Violence and terrorism are not the answer. Something must be done about their suffering, and soon. I trust Israel, for I have faith in the Jewish people. Let Israel be given a chance, let hatred and danger be removed from her horizons, and there will be peace in and around the Holy Land.

Yes, I have faith. Faith in God and even in His creation. Without it no action would be possible. And action is the only remedy to indifference: the most insidious danger of all. Isn't this the meaning of Alfred Nobel's legacy? Wasn't his fear of war a shield against war?

There is much to be done, there is much that can be done. One person — a Raoul Wallenberg, an Albert Schweitzer, one person of integrity, can make a difference, a difference of life and death. As long as one dissident is in prison, our freedom will not be true. As long as one child is hungry, our lives will be filled with anguish and shame.

What all these victims need above all is to know that they are not alone; that we are not forgetting them; that when their voices are stifled we shall lend them ours; that while their freedom depends on ours, the quality of our freedom depends on theirs.

'Every Hour an Offering'

This is what I say to the young Jewish boy wondering what I have done with his years. It is in his name that I speak to you and that I express to you my deepest gratitude. No one is as capable of gratitude as one who has emerged from the kingdom of night.

We know that every moment is a moment of grace, every hour an offering; not to share them would mean to betray them. Our lives no longer belong to us alone; they belong to all those who need us desperately.

Thank you Chairman Aarvik. Thank you members of the Nobel Committee. Thank you, people of Norway, for declaring on this singular occasion that our survival has meaning for mankind.

Poll Shows American Attitudes Towards Israel

Reprinted from the January 1987 edition of <u>Boycott Report</u>, a publication of the American Jewish Congress.

A June 1986 nationwide poll conducted by the Roper Organization indicated that 53 percent of the American public sympathize with Israel, while only 8 percent symmpathize with the Arabs. The poll reflects the increase in pro-Israel feeling since 1984 and a reduction in pro-Arab sentiment.

Another salient finding was that only 8 percent of those polled felt that Jews have too much power in the United States, while 18 percent saw "Arab interests" as having too much power.

In conducting the poll, the Roper agency interviewed 1,994 respondents, constituting a representative national sample of men and women 18 years of age and older. The poll was commissioned by the American Jewish Committee.

A majority of Americans (52.7 percent) continue to view Israel as a reliable ally. In contrast, of those with opinions on the issue, large percentages saw Egypt as not reliable (43 percent), Jordan (47 percent) and Syria (72 percent).

According to the American Jewish Committee, the poll seemed to indicate that persons who are better educated or in the highest income brackets were more likely to be favorable to Israel than those less educated or in lower income brackets. Whites were more likely to be favorable to Israel than Blacks and Republicans more likely than Democrats or Independents.

Moynihan Receives HIAS Liberty Award

Daniel P. Moynihan the Senior U.S. Senator from New York, received the 1986 Liberty Award from HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, at a banquet held in December, 1984.

In announcing the 1986 Awards, Robert L. Israeloff, President of HIAS, pointed out that "This year's Awards Dinner [paid] special tribute to the accomplishments and contributions of those for whom America is

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an adopted homeland." He continued: "We are particularly privileged that Sen. Moynihan [is] this year's Liberty Award recipient. His outstanding record of public service and the active role he has played in so many humanitarian endeavors—including many that relate directly to the refugee and immigrant, reflect the highest aspirations of those concerned with the betterment of life for all people."

Senator Daniel P. Moynihan was previously a member of the cabinet or sub-cabinet of Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Ford. He is the only person in American history to have served in four successive administrations. The Senator held the post of U.S. Ambassador to India from 1973 to 1975 and was the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 1975 to 1976. In February 1976, he was president of the United Nations Security Council.

Senator Moynihan has taught in a number of colleges and universities. He was Assistant Professor of Government at Syracuse and Professor of Government at Harvard University; he served as Director of the Joint Center for Urban Studies of MIT and Harvard from 1966-69. Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Senator was raised and educated in the New York City area. He is co-author, with Nathan Glazer, of Beyond the Melting Pot, the highly praised study of the ethnic groups of New York City, which won the Anisfield-Wolfe Award in Race Relations in 1963. His most recent work, Family and Nation, was published in February 1986.

Senator Moynihan is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, the Budget Committee, and the Committee on Environment and Public Works. He is a member of the official Senate Observer group to the arms talks between the United States and the Soviet Union. He is also a member of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee.

The international immigration agency of the organized Jewish community, HIAS — the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society — is a beneficiary of the UJA-Federation Campaigns across the country. CKJF additionally supports HIAS through allocations to "Other Charities".

EVENTS

OHAVAY ZION SISTERHOOD

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NEW ART EXHIBIT IN NEW BAGEL SHOP: Black and white linoleum block-prints by Kate Davis-Rosenbaum, in the new exhibit space at The Manhattan Bagel Company, Imperial Plaza, Waller Avenue. Runs Feb. 7 through April 30, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sun - Sat.

Ms. Davis-Rosenbaum is a Berea artist and printmaker, enjoying her first Lexington exhibit since her recent move to Central Kentucky.

For more information about the prints call Kate at 1-986-8631.

EVENTS

JEWISH FAMILY SERIES at Temple Adath Israel, Sunday mornings 10-11:45 a.m.

Feb. 15 - "Adjusting to Divorce and Remarriage", speaker: Joe Caudill, MSW, Charter Ridge Hospital psychiatric social worker.

Feb. 22 - "Jewish Tradition - Jewish Mishagos", speaker: Jo Anne Randall, clinical psychologist and published author.

Mar. 1 - "Recognizing Early Signs in Children of Self-Destructive Behavior" (i.e. suicide), speaker: Dr. Ray Martorano from Charter Ridge Hospital.

Mar. 8 - "Raising Your Child's Self Esteem", speaker: Lynn Doyne, family therapist at Bluegrass Comprehensive Center. Co-sponsored by TAI Brotherhood and TAI Adult Education Committee.

JEWISH ADULT EDUCATION, Wednesdays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Temple Adath Israel.

"Searching the Prophets for Values", taught by Rabbi Adland. Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25. (Bring a sack lunch.)

JEWISH SINGLES will help lead Friday evening services at TAI at 8 p.m. on Feb. 6.

YOUNG COUPLES will present a potluck and services on Feb. 20. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; services at 8 p.m. at Temple Adath Israel.

SPRING RETREAT: Temple Adath Israel's second annual Spring Retreat will be held March 28 and 29, 1987 at Butler State Park.

This year's retreat, "Can We Talk?", will include a group experience in interpersonal communication as well as group discussions on how one communicates his/her Jewishness - external and internal.

Open to all Jewish adults in the Central Kentucky community, the retreat costs \$47.52 per room.

For more information on Temple Adath Israel activities, please call the Temple office at 269-2979.

KLEZMER GROUP

KLEZMER GROUP TO PERFORM: A program of folk and popular music from many ethnic sources, including Gypsy, Hungarian, Polish, Russian, German, Italian, Israeli, Hassidic, and Yiddish Theatre selections will be presented on Tues., March 17 at noon at the ArtsPlace on N. Mill Street.

Instrumentation will include clarinet, flute, keyboard, guitar, violin and mandolin. The performance is informal and free of charge. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own lunch.

All 3-5 year olds should plan now to attend the CKJF pre-school Purim Party, Sunday, March 8 from 3-4:30 p.m. at Temple Adath Israel.



Congratulations to ...

Marilyn Robie, who has received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from U.K.

Dr. Michael Baer, newly elected president of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences for 1986-87.

Jeff Berger, son of Philip and Sandy Berger, whose science project involving the extraction of fatty acids from soybeans has been judged one of the top 300 in the nation in the 46th annual Westinghouse Science Talent Search.

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15 10 am - TAI Jewish Family Series	16 9 am - TAI Sister-hood board mtng. WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED	17 18 SHEVAT 7:30 pm-CKJF Social Services Mtng	18 19 SHEVAT 12 pm-TAI Adult Ed.	19 20 SHEVAT 8 pm-Hadassah Women's Disc.	20 21 SHEVAT 6:30 pm-TAI Young Couples dinner 1 8 pm services	21 22 SHEVAT 8 pm-CKJF INTERACT III
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