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CKJF FORUM BRINGS FESTIVAL



The CKJF Forum Series is proud to announce the forthcoming visit of the 1987 **ISRAELI CHASSIDIC FESTIVAL**. This spectacular musical production of song and dance, performed by top Israeli stars, will begin

at 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

at Temple Adath Israel.

[The Israeli Chassidic Festival is being arranged through the auspices of Isra-Art Productions, Inc.]

40 YEARS OLD AND PROUD OF IT

Few women acknowledge their age but Israel is shouting it from the roof-tops! There is no better way to celebrate Israel's birthday than with the Israeli Chassidic Festival. This year's Festival presents two hours of thoroughly enjoyable entertainment for the entire family, outstandingly arranged and choreographed, in the spirit of a special tribute to Israel.

This much-anticipated musicale began in 1969, and in the intervening years there have been over 1200 performances throughout the world. The 18 years of the Festival have produced 180 songs, at least half of which have become "hits", not only in Israel but in Jewish communities everywhere.

Songs such as "Adon Olam", "Yedid Nefesh", "Halleluya" and "Shema Israel" are Biblical verse set to contemporary music. They express the heart and soul of the Jewish people, the modern form of their ancient heritage.

So ... when the curtain goes up, the stars come out to dance and the songs fill the air with the soul of Israel, make sure you're there. Don't miss it! Come celebrate a beautiful woman's birthday and join us at the 19th **ISRAELI CHASSIDIC FESTIVAL** - the best way to experience Israel without leaving Kentucky.

FORUM TICKETS ON SALE

Celebrate Israel's 40th year and the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation's 10th year by becoming a subscriber to the 1987-88 CKJF FORUM SERIES. Patron tickets at \$30 each and Series tickets at \$15 each are available through the CKJF office.

One of the most outstanding Series to be brought to the Central Kentucky Jewish audience, the 1987-88 Series is made possible through community support and the annual CKJF-UJA fund raising campaign.

After the season opener, **The Israeli Chassidic Festival**, the next program will take place Sunday, March 20, 1988 at Ohavay Zion Synagogue. Speaking at 8:00 p.m. will be noted anthropologist, **Dr. Ilsa Schuster**, whose topic will be "Wither Survival? Israel and the Diaspora".

Schuster is a columnist for KIDMA, the Israel Journal of Development, and lectures at the Golda Meir Mount Carmel Training Center.

Arrangements for Dr. Schuster have been made through the Jewish Welfare Board Lecture Bureau.


The Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Program will be held this year on Saturday, May 7, 1988 at Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

Mr. Jeffrey Fuerst, writer and broadcast historian/critic, will speak that evening at 9:00 p.m. immediately following Shabbat. His very fitting topic for the evening honoring the memory of Elizabeth Rosenberg and occurring the evening prior to Mother's Day will be "The Changing Image of the Jewish Woman: not just Molly Goldberg and Marjorie Morningstar".

The Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Program is presented free of charge and made possible through the generosity of the Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Fund and CKJF.

Arrangements for Mr. Fuerst are being made through Jewish Welfare Board Lecture Bureau.

The 1987-88 CKJF Forum Series has been coordinated by Forum Chair Susan Cantor as one of the on-going programs of the Community Activities Committee, chaired by Nat Sandler.



SCHMOOZE WITH JEWS!
ONE PEOPLE — ONE DESTINY

There will be 3,100 Jews at the 6th
National Young Leadership Conference
(ages 25-40)

in Washington, D.C.
March 13-15, 1988

Register early. Space is limited.
Deadline: December 15, 1987

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT CKJF AT 252-7622.

CKJF 1987-88 FORUM SERIES

Patron Ticket, \$30 eachNo. of tickets _____ Total Due: _____

Series Ticket, \$15 eachNo. of tickets _____ Total Due: _____

Individual Ticket (Israeli Chassidic Festival) \$10 each; \$5 Student (with valid I.D.)
No. of tickets _____ Total Due: _____

(School age children of Patron or Series ticket holders will be admitted free of charge)

Return with payment to: CKJF, 333 Waller Ave., Suite 5, Lexington, KY 40504

SUCCESS FROM THE START: TWO MAJOR EVENTS TO KICK OFF 1988 CKJF-UJA CAMPAIGN

Guardians of Zion will be held December 6th. As Israel celebrates its 40th birthday in 1988, it's time to rejoice and celebrate. Guardians of Zion will be a special gala affair you won't want to miss. The minimum contribution is \$1200.

Arlene Cohen is chairing this event and has very exciting plans. Details will follow soon.

This will be the last year to be a Guardian of Zion at \$1200. So, it's a great opportunity to become a leader at this level.



Campaign Chairperson Simone Salomon and 1988 Men's Division Chairman David Rose (right) attend United Jewish Appeal Campaign Leadership Seminar with Congressman Sam Gejdenson (left) from Connecticut.

Women's Division Pacesetters Event is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9th. Chaired by Marilyn Gall, this exciting program will feature Ellen Cannon, Associate Professor of Political Science and Women's Studies at Northeastern Illinois University and Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Roosevelt University.

Ms. Cannon will speak on "Jewish Perspective on the Events of Our Time." The dinner will be held at Gratz Park Inn.

All women making a minimum pledge of \$600 to the 1988 campaign are eligible to attend, and invitations should be in the mail by Nov. 20. If you do not receive an invitation, please contact the CKJF office (252-7622) so that you are not excluded from this important evening.

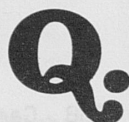
Women's Division began the 1988 Campaign with the Annual Board Meeting held on September 30. Co-chairs for that event were Karen Edelstein and Sandy Adland. At the meeting attended by 24 women, events and goals for the 1988 campaign were discussed and Simone Salomon, Campaign Chairperson, briefed the board members on the concept of "leadership giving." Additionally, Nancy Hoffman, the Women's Division Immediate Past Chair, was recognized for her outstanding efforts on behalf of the campaign in Central Kentucky.

The following women have accepted positions on the Women's Division Board assisting Ellie Goldman, Chairperson, and Cheri Rose, Co-Chairperson: Sandy Adland, Charlotte Baer, Ruth Baker, Judy Baumann, Janice Brock, Susan Caller, Arlene Cohen, Gail Cohen, Harriet Cooper, Sheila DeKosky, Karen Edelstein, Sue Ezrine, Marilyn Gall, Evelyn Geller, Susan Goldstein, Nancy Hoffman, Evelyn Hymson, Gloria Katz, Judy Levine, Ginny Luftman, Anita Mersack, Marilyn Moosnick, Ricki Rosenberg, Irma Rosenstein, Simone Salomon, Judy Saxe, Sandy Slovin, Hannah Smith, Merle Wekstein, and Carole Wilson.



1988 Women's Division Chairperson Ellie Goldman and Co-Chairperson Cheri Rose attend UJA Women's Campaign Leadership Seminar.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT ISRAEL



WHY GO TO ISRAEL

CKJF Missions Chairman Steven Caller has announced plans for a **Central Kentucky Jewish Community Mission to Israel in June 1988**, under the auspices of United Jewish Appeal. "Presently we are exploring the costs, itinerary and details to make this a special experience whether it's your first trip or tenth," Caller stated.

CKJF is hoping to interest 20 to 30 participants so that we may have our own bus and be able to arrange special programming. Details will follow, but you are encouraged to let Steve and Susan Caller know of your interest now by calling them at 266-1314.

It's not too late for you to take part in the **United Jewish Appeal Winter Family Mission, December 24 - January 3**.

You may also wish to consider a **UJA Summer Family Mission, June 19-29, or July 10-20, 1988**. UJA Family Missions introduce you and your family to the wonders of Israel:

- * Participate in a Bar/Bat Mitzvah atop Massada

- * Meet face-to-face with Sabras and recent Olim

- * Enjoy home hospitality with residents of our Project Renewal neighborhood

- * Travel from Tel Aviv to the Golan and on to Jerusalem

- * Tour the Galilee and see the growth and development of Israel

- * Attend Oneg Shabbat at the Western Wall

- * Participate in an archeological seminar

- * Tube float down the Jordan River.

Mission features include round trip airfare from New York; five star hotels and kibbutzim; touring with UJA trained guides; transportation on modern, air conditioned tour buses; and special youth programming led by trained counselors.

United Jewish Appeal is introducing a new mission concept: **Israel - The Political Scene, January 17-25, 1988**. Partici-

pants will learn firsthand about Israel's political structure and functions and the key issues facing its people. The mission will feature discussion sessions with key representatives of Israel's political parties and journalists representing different points of view. There will be on-site visits to study the issues.

Principal givers must give at least \$2500 to the general campaign to qualify for this mission. Total cost is \$1950 for double occupancy. Subsidies may be available through UJA and CKJF.

UJA has announced the **National Winter Singles Mission, Feb. 1 - 11, 1988**. This is an opportunity for Jewish singles to see ancient and contemporary history blend together; meet leaders of industry, government and the military; share the success of Youth Aliyah, immigrant absorption, and rural settlement; and feel the strengths of the modern Jewish State.

The cost is \$1700 double occupancy with a minimum commitment to our Federation/UJA campaign of \$500. Deadline for registration is January 1.

The Jewish Education Service of North America is sponsoring an **Educational Leadership Seminar in Israel, July 25 - August 5, 1988**. This seminar is geared toward community volunteer leaders, lay leaders in Jewish education and educational professionals. This trip costs approximately \$2400 per person.

Information on any of these missions and programs is available through the CKJF office, 606-252-7622.



to touch the golden stones of Jerusalem
to see the green fields that border
the desert's wilderness
to share the joy of building a country
to walk the paths of the patriarchs and prophets
to explore our heritage and history
to welcome Shabbat at the Western Wall
to meet soldiers and students, historians
and heroes, professionals and pioneers.
to travel from Sodom to Safad, Jericho to Jaffa,
Tel Aviv to Tiberias, Ashkelon to Afula,
and Rosh HaNikra to Rishon-le-Zion.
to feel the pulse of Tel Aviv
to know Israel... your Israel

** NOW IN ISRAEL!

SOVIET JEWRY UPDATE

NOT A REFUSENIK ANYMORE

The following is reprinted from The American Israelite, October 15, 1987.

"I am not a refusenik anymore," a joyous Ida Nudel told reporters in a telephone interview from Moscow Oct. 5. But she does not believe her exit visa signals a new policy of the Kremlin toward Soviet Jews.

Nudel, 56, was told by Soviet authorities on Yom Kippur that she will be allowed to leave the USSR to join her sister, Elana Fridman, whom she has not seen for 16 years, in Israel. Her name reportedly headed the list of former Prisoners of Conscience which Foreign Minister Shimon Peres gave Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze when they met in New York Sept. 23.

But she feels the Soviets are using her and other prominent refuseniks recently granted exit visas to achieve certain diplomatic goals and improve their image. "In ancient times, the Pharaohs used to please the chiefs of neighboring countries with very exotic things," Nudel said. "I feel that I am a white crocodile. I was used to please Mr. Reagan and Mr. Shultz before a meeting of the superpowers."

Observers in Jerusalem tended to agree. They suggested Nudel was granted her visa on the eve of Yom Kippur because of the added public relations impact. Nudel, an engineer-economist, was in Moscow for a hearing for permission to resume residence there after being forced for five years to live in the Moldavian city of Bendery. Before that she lived in exile in Siberia from 1978-82.

But instead of getting her Moscow residency permit, she was summoned by Rudolf Kutznetsov, head of the Moscow OVIR (emigration bureau) and told to return to Bendery to get her papers in order because she had permission to emigrate.

Nudel told Israeli reporters, "I am beginning to accept the fact that I am not a refusenik any more. Most of all, I want to be a normal Israeli citizen, and take my place in Israeli society. And I will, of course, work for the release of all my friends who I will be leaving behind."

NEW RISKS SEEN AS REFUSENIKS EMIGRATE

The following is excerpted from the Jewish Observer, October 2, 1987 written by David A. Harris, a Washington representative of the American Jewish Congress.

The Soviet Jewry issue is entering its most critical phase since the heated discussion in 1979 over the proper response to record emigration levels that year. Indeed, the coming months are filled with potentially significant opportunities to achieve progress. But, at the same time, there are serious dangers and high risk.

At first glance, the Soviet Jewry news is quite encouraging. The expected departure of former prisoners of conscience Iosef Begun and Viktor Brailovsky and some other high-profile cases is most welcome.

Moreover, after years of decline and stagnation in the emigration numbers, there has been a marked increase in recent months. Yet the exit numbers have stabilized at about 800 per month. Of the lucky ones, approximately 80 percent or more are refuseniks. Now only those with first-degree relatives abroad -- only a fraction of those who seek to leave -- are able even to submit new applications, much less be assured of success. The fear among Soviet Jewry observers is that the recent increase in the exit rate is not really a harbinger of better times, but rather a belated Kremlin effort to rid the country of the hard-core refuseniks, simultaneously removing a long-standing public relations stigma and stripping the national Jewish movement of its leadership.

Once these refuseniks are out, the gates may slam shut to all but those with first-degree relatives abroad. It is felt that the aim is to extinguish the hopes of those seeking to join more distant relatives in the West, or asserting their basic right to return to the historic homeland of the Jewish people, Israel.

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However, three key factors that can, at least in theory, directly benefit Soviet Jewry are occurring. First, a strong ruler with consolidated power, unafraid of making bad decisions, has emerged in the Kremlin. Second, Soviet-American relations are warming and bilateral contact points in virtually every official and private field burgeoning. Third, Gorbachev has begun to reciprocate Israel's long-standing desire for improved ties, though the future of Soviet-Israeli ties remains particularly fraught with uncertainty.

But, regrettably, no one ought to take for granted that Soviet Jews will, willy-nilly, benefit in large numbers from the current improved climate or future superpower deals. Gorbachev's shrewdness and ability to impact on Western public opinion cannot be overlooked. Consequently, the challenge becomes increasingly daunting: to interpret Soviet Jewry's pressing needs to a West increasingly dazzled by the admittedly profound changes occurring in the USSR, and understandably anxious for improved superpower ties, and to pursue a political strategy which gives the Kremlin a genuine stake in improving its record on Soviet Jewry.

Now is the time for the Soviet Jewry movement and its many friends around the world to be heard from. The next several months will likely place demands on friends of Soviet Jewry as almost never before. In the balance lies the fate of many Jews. The time to act is now.

WOMEN'S PLEA FOR SOVIET JEWS

Women's Plea for Soviet Jews Chairman Judy Saxe announced that this annual observance will be held Wed., Dec. 2. Details will follow.

Mrs. Saxe added that combined efforts of American Jewish organizations are concentrated on organizing a mass demonstration in Washington, D.C. during the visit of Gorbachev for the summit.

The summit dates of December 7-9 have now been announced. Watch for further notice on the Washington Mobilization.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

B'NAI B'RITH ANNUAL STEAK & SPORTS DINNER will be held Thursday, Nov. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Temple Adath Israel. Guest speaker is Alan Cutler, Sports Director at WLEX-TV. Tickets are \$8.



HOE-DOWN AT OHAVAY ZION SYNAGOGUE: The Ohavay Zion Sisterhood is sponsoring a square dance social at the Synagogue, 2048 Edgewater Court, Saturday, November 21, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

At a cost of \$7.50 per person, the dance will feature a caller and a demonstration and a late night chili supper with cash bar.

Plan to join in on the fun by purchasing tickets through the OZS office or by calling Vicki Doukas at 223-6364.

The CKJF BOARD WILL CONSIDER AMENDING THE BY LAWS at the November 30th board and ANNUAL MEETING. At that time the board will discuss for the first time a motion to amend the By-Laws to state that CKJF establish the position of President-Elect; that the President-Elect be elected by the board of directors from a slate of nominees presented to the board at the January 1988 meeting and every two years thereafter; and that the President-Elect serve for one year, and automatically assume the office of President at the end of that year.

All Federation members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting and participate in the discussion. It is at this meeting that the Nominating Committee will also present the slate of candidates for the board elections to be held in December.

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL'S NEXT SISTERHOOD meeting will be a joint meeting with the Brotherhood on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. at the Temple. Join Ada Gail on a tour of Temple art. Coffee and refreshments will follow.

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CATHOLIC-JEWISH DIALOGUE SCHEDULES MEETINGS: The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Lexington is in its tenth year. The Oct. 27 program was a discussion of Vatican meetings with Jewish officials and reaction to the Pope's recent visit to the United States.

The Nov. 24 meeting will focus on the role of women in Catholicism and Judaism. The Dec. 22 program will offer several views of contemporary Israeli life. The January 26 program will feature a review and discussion of the book, The Anguish of the Jews by Father Edward H. Flannery.

The group will also participate together in a Passover Meal and attend the annual Holocaust Service (Yom Hashoah) at Temple Adath Israel. This year the Lexington group will be making contact with similar groups in Louisville and Cincinnati.

Clergy coordinators are Rabbi William Leffler, Rabbi Jon Adland and Father William Poole.

CKJF PRE-SCHOOL CHANUKAH PARTY, has been scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 20 from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Temple. Chairing this year's pre-school parties is **Toni Reiss Plavin**. Watch your mail for more information.

GOD'S PANTRY is conducting their annual Food Drive, October 16 through November 30. Your contribution of non-perishable food items for the support of God's Pantry is crucial to this agency's ability to meet the need for emergency food for families in crisis in Fayette County.

It is during this annual food drive that they collect 45% of the food products needed to stock six neighborhood pantries. At this time they are providing enough food to prepare about 15,840 meals monthly for 1,760 individuals.

THE CLEVELAND BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION AND THE COALITION FOR ALTERNATIVES IN JEWISH EDUCATION are co-sponsoring a conference, Sunday, November 15 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Keynote speaker is Dr. Harold Himmelfarb. To obtain registration materials phone (216) 371-0446.

JEWISH BOOK MONTH NOV. 16TH TO DEC. 16TH

"We have preserved the book,
and the book has preserved us,"
....Ben-Gurion

A confirmation of the value placed by Jews on knowledge and learning, Jewish Book Month falls during the weeks immediately preceding Hannukah. To inspire your gift-giving for this holiday and to whet your appetite for the latest in Jewish interest books, the following reviews have been reprinted from Jewish Books in Review 1987-88. They have been edited to fit into our bulletin.

Remnants: The Last Jews of Poland. By Malgorzata Niezabitowska; photographs by Tomasz Tomaszewski; translated by William Brand and Hanna Dobosiewicz. Friendly Press, 401 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. 272 pages. \$35.00.

Reviewed by David M. Szonyi

There has been a Jewish community in Poland for almost 900 years, since the time of the First Crusade. By 1939, Polish Jewry numbered three and a half million. Today, there are approximately 5,000 Jews left in Poland, of whom only about one-third belong to the organized community.

This book, the product of five years of work, is a remarkable journalistic-photographic portrait of the Jews who remain. A non-Jewish husband-and-wife team who were active in the Solidarity movement, Niezabitowska and Tomaszewski first became interested in Polish Jewry's radiant-terrible past and miniscule present in 1968, and began working on this book in 1981, following Solidarity's suppression.

In their wanderings throughout the country, they encountered considerable fear, mistrust and cynicism. More often than not, however, their subjects appreciating the couple's interest and persistence, opened up to them. Many articulate the pain of being part of a tiny, dying community; some declare their commitment to preserving the religious or secular Yiddish culture that was.

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The couple does encounter the Warsaw Jewish Circle, a kind of havurah of a dozen or so young people who have become passionately interested in their heritage, maintain Jewish observance and even organized an underground "Jewish Flying University." While many of their parents' odysseys were from religious homes to a commitment to communism, their children courageously have traveled in the reverse direction, a far lonelier journey.

For the most part, however, the small Polish Jewish community feels, understandably, dwarfed by the past.

Given that the community seems ineluctably destined to disappear, Niezabitowska and Tomaszewski have done a magnificent job, in what is clearly a labor of love, of recording its last years. Tomaszewski's color photographs, which are interspersed throughout the text, are expressive and evocative.

Scharansky: Hero of Our Time. By Martin Gilbert. Viking Penguin, 40 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010, 1986. 418 pages. \$24.95.

Reviewed by Jerry Goodman.

In this book, Gilbert draws upon a wealth of previously unpublished documents he began to collect over three years ago. Included are messages from Scharansky and his friends which served to alert the world to their plight; detailed accounts from his trial; and Scharansky's letters from prison to friends and family. The book is really crafted from two interlocking stories: a much needed, up-to-date history of the Soviet Jewry emigration movement, and Anatoly Scharansky's own story. It will, therefore, appeal to a broad segment of the population. The unique photographs help make it alive, and the index will be of great assistance to researchers.

Gilbert devotes the opening chapters to an account of Scharansky's childhood and youth, his career as a student and, finally, his beginnings as a computer technologist.

The author offers a remarkably detailed account, based on the words and testimony of friends and associates, of how Anatoly Scharansky became an aggressive activist on behalf of "refuseniks" and "Prisoners of Zion."

Gilbert gives us a full story of the constant surveillance with which Scharansky lived for a year before his arrest as an alleged American spy, and his eventual trial.

Gilbert examines various factors leading to the emergence of the Soviet Jewry movement, including anti-Semitism and a resurgent Jewish national feeling after Israel's victory in the 1967 Six-Day War.

The book chronicles the individual and collective courage of Scharansky and other refuseniks.

This dramatic biography of an authentic hero ends with a chapter on Scharansky's release and arrival in Israel. The book is an intensely human portrait that illuminates the nature of the Soviet system, while telling the story of a unique individual who risked his own safety for his beliefs.

The Seed of Abraham: Jews and Arabs in Contact and Conflict. Raphael Patai. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City, UT 84112. 1986. 394 pages. \$29.95.

Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land. David K. Shipler. Times Books, 201 East 50th St., New York, NY 10022. 1986. 596 pages. \$22.50.

Reviewed by Arnold Ages.

The twentieth century conflict between Jews and Arabs has no precedent in former times because Jews and Judaism were, until recent times, of only peripheral interest to Islamic civilization.

The fact that Jews lived in Islamic cultures did, however, influence the development of Judaic modes of thought, folklore, and cultural habits.

The major portion of the civilizational traffic went the other way. Despite the inequities for Jews living in Muslim lands there was much opportunity for the "dhimmis" or protected people, to flourish within the Islamic milieu.

Author Patai documents in luxuriant detail how this efflorescence of Jewish intellectual life occurred in what has been commonly called the Golden Age of Spain.

In his survey of Jewish life in various Arab lands Patai reviews both the incivilities encountered by Jews and the positive

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experiences as well. He is careful to note that Jewish destiny depended a great deal on which Arab country Jews settled in and in what period. Throughout his narrative Patai illustrates the ways in which Islamic folk culture, superstition and religious doctrine penetrated Jewish consciousness.

In the latter part of his book Patai deals with the anomalous situation of Arabs living under Jewish hegemony -- a startling reversal of the historical continuum. This anomaly, the case of Israel today, is the subject of David K. Shipler's lengthy and penetrating look at the tensions which animate Israeli society today.

Shipler, a non-Jew, was a New York Times correspondent in Israel for several years. His book is part reportage, part polemic and part interview. He successfully meshes these modes of approaching a complex subject in an artistic tour de force.

While many of the pathways explored by Shipler have been trod by others, there are a number of fresh and original insights in his essays.

Equally insightful are Shipler's well-researched comments about the flight of the Arab refugees from Palestine in 1948.

In his conversations with Jews and Arabs author Shipler discovered a depth of passion and hatred between the two communities which appear to be unbridgeable.

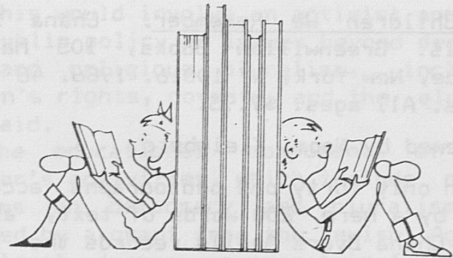
Throughout his book the author tries to balance the conflicting historical, political, religious and social claims of Jews and Arabs. The resulting portrait suggests that there is an equality of justice on both sides. This is not a position which will be welcomed by strongly partisan people.

BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

Exodus. Adapted from the Bible by Miriam Chaikin; illustrated by Charles Mikolaycak. Holiday House, 18 East 53 Street, New York, NY 10022. 1986. 32 pages. All ages. \$14.95.

Reviewed by Naomi Kleinberg.

There is no greater dream come true for lovers of children's literature than a



book like Exodus, which offers text by Miriam Chaikin, illustrated by Charles Mikolaycak -- an inspired pairing, the result of which is a beautiful, readable book that can be appreciated by the whole family.

As in her previous work, Chaikin skillfully handles the difficult job of abridging a long biblical story in formal language, making it manageable for younger readers while retaining the salient events and the beauty and drama of the original.

Charles Mikolaycak's lush, beautiful illustrations are the perfect accompaniment, filled with depth and rich detail.

Yingl Tsingl Khvat. Mani-Leib. Translated by Jeffrey Shandler; illustrated by El (Lazar) Lissitzky. Moyer Bell Limited, Colonial Hill, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549. 1987. 32 pages. \$11.95.

Reviewed by Naomi Kleinberg.

Yingl Tsingl Khvat, by the great Yiddish poet Mani-Leib, is a poem in rhyme, felicitously translated by Jeffrey Shandler, who has not only conveyed the meaning of the original but also has stayed true to the original meter and rhyme scheme.

Yingl Tsingl Khvat is a plucky lad (Khvat is an adjective alluding to his spirit) who saves his shtetl (here idealized as a place where everyone lives in harmony, both Gentile and Jew) from sinking in a sea of mud one year when summer ends but winter never comes. How he does that is the magical part of the story.

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The Children We Remember, Chana Byers Abells. Greenwillow Books, 105 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. 1986. 48 pages. All ages. \$9.95.

Reviewed by Naomi Kleinberg.

In only forty-one photographs accompanied by a mere 200 words of text, archivist Chana Byers Abells records the story of the children who died in the Holocaust and of those who survived. She explains how life was before the Nazis came, how it changed, how children died, and how some lived. She is able to end on a note of hope, which is necessary of a book like this, geared for children, for the story is so horrifying and incomprehensible that without a ray of light, fear and despair would descend on any child who beheld this.

Parents should read this book with their young children and should be prepared for questions whose factual answers cannot adequately address the various feelings that will undoubtedly be engendered. While this book is intended for young children, it is appropriate for all ages and is an essential contribution to the literature of the Holocaust. It is also, as an aside, a beautiful example of fine bookmaking and design.

Arms Sale to Saudi Arabia

The following is extracted from a memorandum from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

On Thursday, Oct. 8, the Reagan Administration agreed to withdraw all Maverick missiles from its proposed arms sale to Saudi Arabia and all Stinger missiles to Bahrain. Instead, the Reagan Administration has sent informal notification to Congress of its intent to sell Saudi Arabia a reduced replacement package including 12 F15 replacement jets; artillery ammunition carriers; and enhancements to modernize F15 jets and M60 tanks which the Saudis already possess. This smaller package is expected to engender minimal Congressional opposition.

The Israeli Economy: Bruno Scans Economic Horizon

The following is excerpted from the Near East Report, 10/5/87.

Michael Bruno, Governor of the Bank of Israel, expects Israel's 1987 inflation rate to average 17% to 18%, down from 20% in 1986. Before the national unity government instituted its economic reform program in mid-1985, Israeli inflation had been running at 440% annually.

Nevertheless, "there is still a long way to go" to get to lower, single-digit inflation like that in the United States, Bruno said. Speaking to a group of Congressional staff members, he explained that the \$1.5 billion in supplemental U.S. economic aid did not cause the recovery. But the money, provided in 1985 and 1986 in two equal installments, gave Israel a "safety cushion without which we never would have embarked on this risky program."

With inflation down and a foreign exchange crisis ended, Bruno rated the 1985 economic program a "fair success." Now attention has shifted to spurring growth -- low or stagnant since 1973.

Taking note of contract talks under way throughout the Israeli economy, Bruno said that "keeping wages from rising faster than productivity" will be one key to encouraging economic expansion. Exports -- crucial for a small economy like Israel's -- show a 9% increase in real terms this year, but need to grow at 10% a year or better. Budget cuts contributed to reduced government borrowing, he noted. This, in turn, helped free the capital markets to support private investment. Gradual deregulation of banks and other financial institutions also should help. Much-discussed privatization -- selling of state-owned businesses -- "depends on the ability of the government to stay out of the capital markets."

Spending Cuts

Bruno took notice of reduced marginal tax rates, but said "the real issue of taxes in Israel is that average rates are much too high." However, "when government expenditures run at 50% to 55% of GNP, high average tax rates are necessary."

Welcome as reductions in defense and social welfare spending have been, Bruno

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said more defense cuts will be needed. He said the Israeli government carries out "enormous" income redistribution, and transfer payments must be reduced to stimulate growth.

Some particularly hard-hit areas of the economy, including large segments of agriculture, construction and some defense industries, "need major restructuring," Bruno acknowledged.

Bruno said halting the Lavi fighter program was as important as starting the 1985 recovery program itself.

The major economic issues will be "keeping the government budget in balance" and "keeping wages restrained," Bruno said. If the Lavi decision and a pending agreement on public sector wages are indicators, "there is hope that in 1988, even though it is an election year, we will be able to focus on continued recovery."

Reform's Jerusalem Action Center To Foster Religious Pluralism

The following is excerpted from The Jewish Week, Inc., 9/18/87.

JERUSALEM (JPFS) -- The Reform movement in Israel will open a Religious Action Center in Jerusalem soon to heighten public awareness of democracy and tolerance and to conduct an aggressive campaign for religious pluralism through the legal system.

The center is modeled on the Religious Action Center of the American Reform movement in Washington, which serves as a liaison between the movement and the government.

The co-director of the Washington center, Rabbi David Saperstein, is in Israel to advise his counterparts on the operation of the Israeli center.

Saperstein said in an interview that "the Reform movement in Israel must have more to offer the Israeli public than an alternative form of worship. The Israeli Religious Action Center will help establish an identity for the movement and provide an assertive expression of Reform Judaism's vision of social justice in Israel."

This would involve an activist approach to public policy on issues beyond democracy and religious pluralism, including women's rights, poverty and the elderly, he said.

The educational component of the center's activities, which include public forums on democracy and pluralism, is funded by a grant from the Jewish Agency. The legal advocacy component is funded by ARZA, the American Reform Zionist movement. The center's total budget for this year is \$250,000.

Saperstein stressed that the Israeli center will be controlled by the Israeli Reform movement and will not be "an American transplant."

Rabbi Uri Regev, former director of the Israeli Reform movement and now acting dean of the Jerusalem branch of Hebrew Union College, said the center would continue legal actions already begun to secure the right of Reform rabbis to perform marriages in Israel and the right of immigrants converted by Reform rabbis to be registered as Jews by the Interior Ministry.

U.S. Closes PLO Office

The following is extracted from the Near East Report, 9/21/87.

Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead notified the Palestine Information Office (PIO), the Washington office of the Palestine Liberation Organization, that it must permanently close its doors. But citing "special treaty obligations under the United Nations headquarters agreement," the State Department will not close the PLO's observer mission to the United Nations in New York City.

"This action is being taken to demonstrate U.S. concern over terrorism committed and supported by organizations and individuals affiliated with the PLO," said State Department Spokesman Charles Redman.

Observers stressed that the State Department move was intended to preempt pending Congressional legislation to close both U.S. PLO offices, and to prohibit U.S. citizens from receiving anything of value, except literature from the PLO.

PLO lawyers are expected to challenge the closure in court.

ABSORBING ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES

The following is excerpted from the Near East Report, 8/31/87.

On a warm, clear Jerusalem evening, three Israeli soldiers -- an American, a sabra and an Ethiopian -- descend the steps of Yemin Moshe to attend a ceremony marking the end of a large summer's training. Members of the elite Golani unit, the three present a picture of absorption and acceptance. But it is a misleading picture for, despite some success, Ethiopian Jews must overcome many obstacles before they are fully integrated into Israeli life.

Ethiopian Jewry is still recovering from a trauma of catastrophic proportion: Of the 13,000 Jews who set out for Israel in 1983 and 1984 during Operation Moses, 3,000 perished en route. And left behind in Ethiopia were approximately 10,000 defenseless women, children and elderly. Those who arrived in Israel, mainly young people, feel a double sense of guilt, according to Yaffa Chase, an American who worked in Ethiopian absorption centers in Israel for two years. "They feel guilty that they survived the trip and that they left so many behind."

Reunification of families is the main concern of the 16,000 Ethiopian Jews in Israel, said Tamar Eshel, former chairperson of the National Council for Ethiopian Jewry in Israel. "They have a real fear that the community in Ethiopia will disappear. They are afraid they will not survive a long separation in Ethiopia [where] there is infiltration by non-Jews, no security, women left with babies, pressure for their land, outsiders who burn, pillage and kill, and proselytizing. Time is working against them."

Separation from loved ones and their intense devotion to family has occasionally impeded the Ethiopians' absorption into Israeli society, said Eshel. Some have resisted placement in towns away from family members. It is no wonder that weddings and other family events have become occasions for large reunions -- and absenteeism from work. One statistic is perhaps the most telling: 1,500 Ethiopian children remain in Youth Aliyah facilities in Israel awaiting their parents.

Eshel said that Ethiopians 40 and older -- what she calls "the desert generation" -- have found it particularly difficult to adapt to life in Israel. "They live on social security. They find it hard to learn the language. They might find work in some form of non-skilled labor but generally they have little to do and they don't want to be helped."

Children, Eshel said, are a different story: "They will be well-integrated if they are put through the right educational tracks."

Adults from 20 to 40, the majority of Ethiopian Jewry in Israel, "are sometimes too ambitious," Eshel said. "They are trying to bridge a 2,000 year cultural gap in a year or two." She describes these individuals as responsible, conscientious and motivated.

"Still, there are far too many Ethiopians in menial jobs," she added. Eshel faulted government officials for settling these Jews in development towns where economic opportunities are already sparse. Efforts to relocate Ethiopians to agricultural settlements have been opposed by the immigrants themselves who traditionally saw agriculture as a menial occupation and resorted to farm work only as a means to preserve their community and prevent assimilation.

Israeli Prime Minister Shamir promised at a rally of Ethiopian Jews last summer that efforts would continue to bring the remaining Jews in Ethiopia to Israel. A senior Israeli Foreign Ministry official told NER that this could occur within the next five years. But even that is too long for Ethiopians awaiting their families in Israel.

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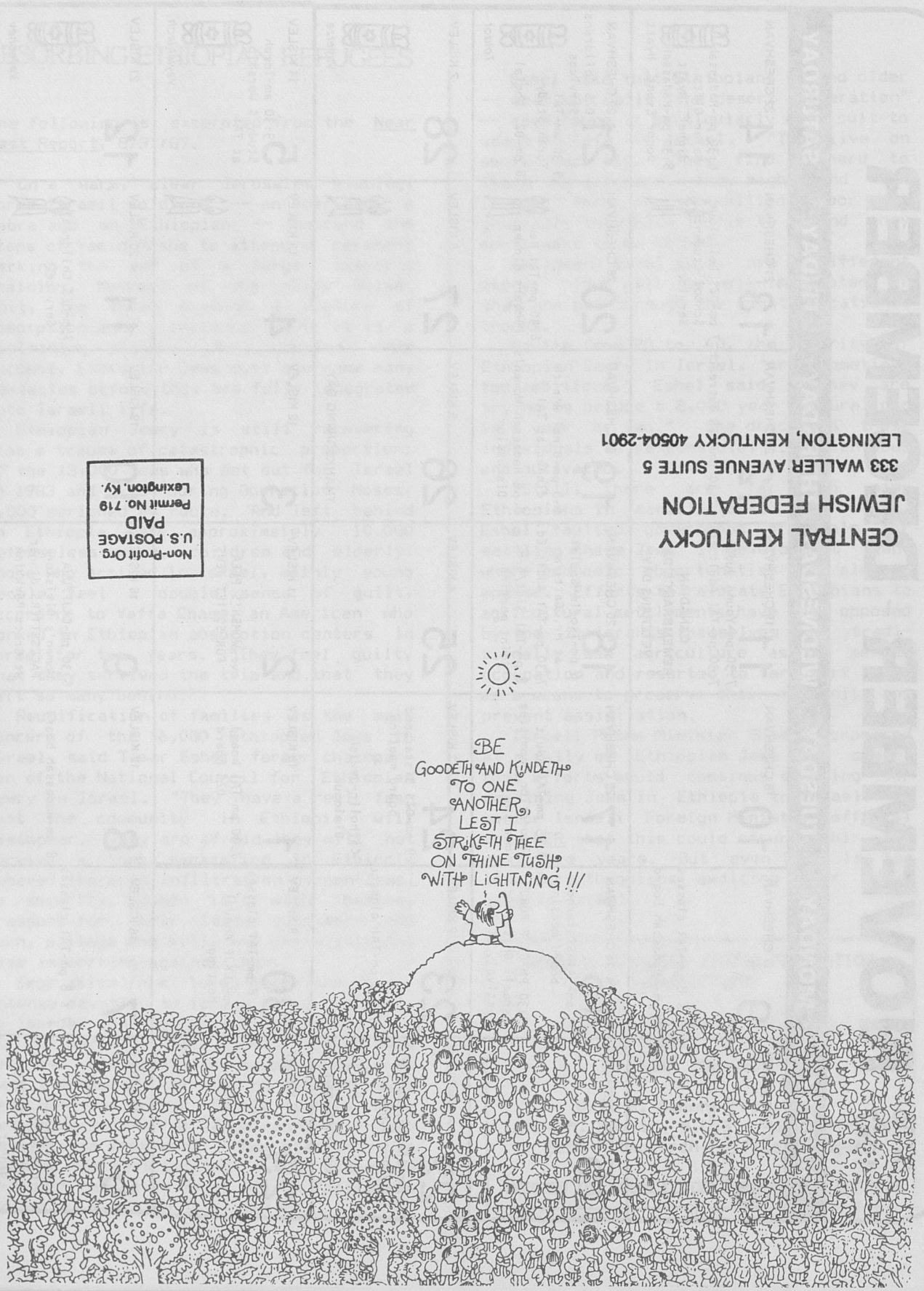
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15 23 CHESHVAN	16 24 CHESHVAN 9 am-TAI Sisterhood board meeting 7:30 PM-CKJF FORUM Israeli Chassidic Festival, at TAI	17 25 CHESHVAN 7:45 pm-TAI Adult Education Committee meeting	18 26 CHESHVAN 6 pm-Tsofim Social at Mr. Gatti's 7:30 pm-TAI Adult Ed. 8 pm-TAI Sist/Bro joint meeting	19 27 CHESHVAN 6-8 pm-B'nai B'rith dinner at TAI 8 pm-Hadassah Women's Discussion	20 28 CHESHVAN 6:30 pm-TAI New Members dinner 	21 29 CHESHVAN OZS Childrens Services 9:30 am-TAI Torah Study 8 pm-OZS Social  <i>Toldot</i>
22 1 KISLEV 3 pm-Ofarim, at Sydney Scher's ROSH CHODESH	23 2 KISLEV 7 & 8 pm-TAI classes	24 3 KISLEV 9 am-OZS Sisterhood board meeting Catholic-Jewish Dialogue	25 4 KISLEV	26 5 KISLEV THANKSGIVING DAY	27 6 KISLEV 	28 7 KISLEV  <i>Vayetze</i>
29 8 KISLEV	30 9 KISLEV 7 & 8 pm-TAI classes 8 pm- CKJF Annual Meeting	1 10 KISLEV 7:30 pm-TAI board OZS board	2 11 KISLEV eve-WOMEN'S PLEA FOR SOVIET JEWS	3 12 KISLEV	4 13 KISLEV 	5 14 KISLEV 9:30 am-Torah Study & Worship at TAI  <i>Vayishlach</i>
6 15 KISLEV eve- CKJF/UJA Campaign GUARDIANS OF ZION dinner	7 16 KISLEV 7 & 8 pm-TAI classes	8 17 KISLEV 8 pm-Hadassah board	9 18 KISLEV 6:30 pm-CKJF/UJA Women's Division PACESETTERS dinner at Gratz Park Inn	10 19 KISLEV	11 20 KISLEV 7pm-OZS Children Service 	12 21 KISLEV  <i>Vayeshev</i>



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