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SUPER SUNDAY - APRIL 5

Sunday, April 5 will be no ordinary day. It will be **Super**. It will be **Super Sunday 1987**.

This year the CKJF-UJA campaign will conduct the fifth annual marathon telephone fund-raiser. Volunteers will call over 800 people asking for support of our Federation and the United Jewish Appeal Campaign. This effort generally raises over \$18,000 each year.

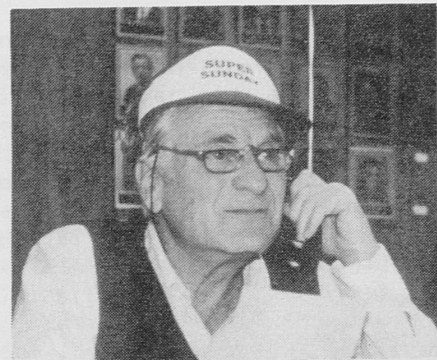
Our annual Federation/United Jewish Appeal Campaign is the primary fund-raising instrument for the support of humanitarian programs and social services for Jews at home and abroad. Through the campaign, we strengthen our own community and work to establish a secure and vital future for Jewish life worldwide.

CKJF sends 70 percent of monies raised in our General Campaign to UJA which in turn transmits the funds to Israel, primarily through the United Israel Appeal. UIA monitors and controls appropriate, efficient and effective expenditures on programs.

Approximately 80 percent of UJA's disbursements are channeled, through UIA, to the Jewish Agency of Israel.

The remainder of UJA's overseas transmittals goes to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, an organization that has for more than 70 years met rescue, welfare and rehabilitation needs of Jews around the world.

Funds retained by our Federation for local programs support educational,



social, and service projects of this community, including Camp Shalom, the CKJF Forum Series, Emergency Loan Relief, camp scholarships, leadership development, speakers bureau, Yom Hashoa and Yom H'atzmaut observances, pre-school holiday parties, and Shalom Lexington for newcomers.

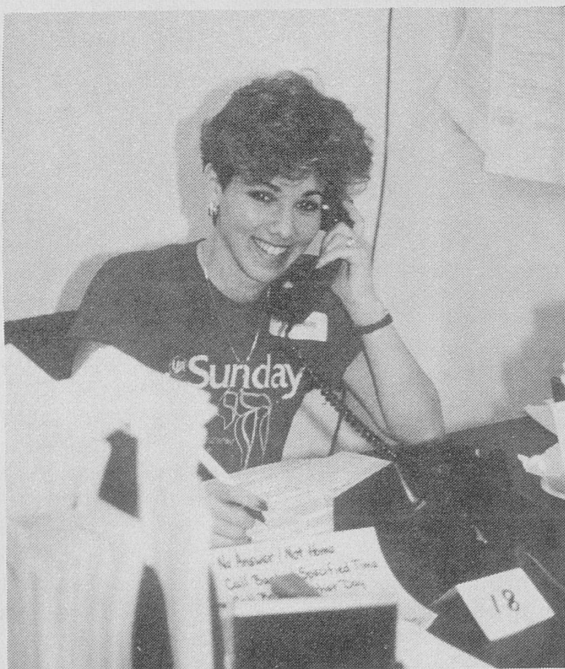
In addition, over \$15,000 is allocated to other charities -- Anti-Defamation League, Camp Young Judaea and Goldman Union Camp, American Jewish Congress, Hebrew Union College, National Conference of Soviet Jews, God's Pantry, Ronald McDonald House, to name a few.

Besides enhancing the quality of Jewish life in Central Kentucky, campaign dollars help Jews with serious needs, both in Israel and around the world, who depend on the American Jewish community.

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ANSWER THE CALL

When you are called on **Super Sunday**, answer the call. Please don't put this call on hold. Too many people depend on your response.

Super Sunday co-chairs **Joe Rosenberg** and **Vinnie Dubilier** are still looking for volunteers. You can help in many ways. You can **PLACE THE CALL**. Begin by calling CKJF today at 606-252-7622.

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UIA Receives \$25 Million 1987 Refugee Resettlement Grants From U.S. Government

United Israel Appeal has received a U.S. Government Refugee Resettlement grant of \$25 million for 1987. This grant was once again initiated by the United States Congress and is twice the amount provided in 1986.

Henry Taub, UIA's Chairman, stated that thus far UIA has received twelve Refugee Resettlement grants totaling \$310,077,000 to assist in the absorption of refugees in Israel. The grants, which are widely and strongly supported in both Houses of Congress, as well as in the State Department and the White House, are meant to reflect the desire of the U.S. Government to link its support of refugee resettlement in Israel directly to the philanthropic support of Israel by the American Jewish community.

Taub said that during the same period that the grants were made, some \$4 billion was given to Israel by American Jews to assist the country with these immigration and absorption programs.

Mr. Taub called the grant program "one of the most successful such programs ever funded by the U.S. Government". Mr. Taub pointed out that in recent years the absorption of Ethiopians has been much more costly than the absorption of any other group thus far, justifying the need for additional financial support.

H. Irwin Levy, Chairman of UIA's U.S. Government Relations Committee, said that the 1987 grant funds will be used for refugee resettlement as follows: en route care and maintenance; transportation; maintenance at absorption centers, hostels and ulpanim; maintenance at Youth Aliyah institutions, financial assistance to the needy or handicapped; maintenance and financial assistance for students and for vocational training; maintenance at homes for the elderly; and construction and/or acquisition of apartments.

Irving Kessler, UIA's Executive Vice Chairman, indicated that \$125,000 of grant funds will be allocated for the support of a grassroots organization of Ethiopian immigrants in Israel. The organization of Ethiopian immigrants operates with a small professional staff, as well as with volunteers, in Safed, Carmiel, Upper Nazareth, Ma'alot, Kiryat Sh'mona and

Afula, all localities with large concentrations of Ethiopian immigrants. He stated that UIA's special allocation will be used for organizational infrastructure and manpower needs, an Amharic-English-Hebrew newsletter, a speakers' bureau, a music-dance-drama performing troupe, a handicrafts project and an interest-free loan fund.

UIA is the organization which receives funds from this Federation's annual campaign as well as from National UJA Campaigns, and from U.S. State Department grants. It administers and allocates these funds in Israel, through its sole operating agent there, the Jewish Agency for Israel. United Israel Appeal began its operations, then under the name of United Palestine Appeal, in 1925.

Family Missions to Israel

Can a parent and child enjoy a meaningful experience in travel yet avoid the conflicts that mar many a family vacation?

The answer is a resounding "Yes" thanks to United Jewish Appeal and their Family Missions. Three of these missions are planned for the summer of 1987: June 14 - 24, June 28 - July 8, and August 9 - 19.

The itineraries are unique in that all activities fall into one of three categories -- family-oriented, adults only, and kids only.

Many activities fall into the first category. For example, past itineraries include visits to museums, kibbutzim, historical battlefields, and group shabbat services. However, counselors involve the kids in group discussions, social activities, and the like while the young-at-heart, but mature in intellect, are treated to special activities of their own.

Because both adults and children are part of these group tours, friendships can take root and give the kids an outlet for their limitless energy.

Packages include roundtrip airfare, hotels, meals, taxes, transfers, guides, buses, portage and programs. Prices cover a broad range, reflecting family size and number of hotel rooms required.

A price schedule and sample itinerary are available from the CKJF office. Information and applications may also be obtained through UJA Overseas Programs, 99 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016, (212) 818-9100.

Baummanns and Mayers Take Parents' Tour of Israel

JERUSALEM, January, 1987 -- Judith and Robert Baumann and family, and Annette and Kenneth Mayer and family recently participated in a Hadassah Parents' Tour to Israel. While in Jerusalem, they visited with their children, Barbara Baumann and Michele Mayer, both of whom are on a Young Judaeans' Year Study Course Program.

Young Judaea is the youth movement of Hadassah. Over the past 30 years, the Young Judaeans Year's Study Course has enabled Hadassah to bring thousands of Young Judaeans to Israel, after they have finished high school, to learn about the country in depth. During the year course, participants serve as volunteers in kibbutzim, moshavim (cooperative farming villages) and development towns. In addition, they spend a few months in Jerusalem at the Hadassah Youth Center, studying Hebrew, Judaism and the history, geography and archaeology of Israel. These studies are accredited in American universities.

"Our Parents' Tour was not the usual tourist trip," said Mrs. Baumann. "We got the 'feel' of what Young Judaea, Hadassah and Israel are all about, and became a part of the family of Young Judaea. Both Barbara and Michele introduced us to the 'real' Israel that they are living in first hand. On this trip, we, as parents, learned from our offspring. It was a unique experience."

Mrs. Mayer added: "This Year Course is a wonderful educational opportunity which provides transition from high school to college."

Barbara summed it up: "The year course is definitely a lifetime experience. Not a day goes by without our learning something new about Israel."

The CKJF office has information available on the Young Judaeans Year's Study Course, as well as on other youth programs in Israel. The Federation may also be able to assist you with Israel Study scholarships, made possible through the community's support of the annual Federation-UJA fund raising campaign.



L-R, Top Row: Dr. Robert and Judith Baumann and Kenneth and Annette Mayer; Second Row: Michael and Michele Mayer; Lauren, Barbara and Steve Baumann.

"American Professors for Peace in the Middle East" Sponsors Study Missions

During the past 17 years, "American Professors for Peace in the Middle East" has sponsored over 40 Study Missions to countries in the Middle East. More than 400 academicians have taken part in this program. The intensity of the experience creates a sense of intellectual excitement and emotional involvement that is rare and much prized.

Intensive Program

This is truly a Study Mission, not a sight-seeing tour although, in the course of the Mission, participants are transported to various places within the country being studied. Most days include morning, afternoon, and evening briefing sessions. Discussion meetings are arranged with leading academicians, high-level government officials, top echelon military personnel, and various political representatives.

Candidate Profile

The sole requirement for eligibility to participate in a Study Mission is membership in APPME. Preference will be given to those who have never been to Israel. As is true of APPME in general, each Study Mission group reflects a wide geographic representation and a variety of academic disciplines and personal political views.

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For this reason, the Missions are organized to provide in-depth analysis from the perspectives of various disciplines and to enable individuals to pursue their personal interests within the established framework of the Mission.

Summer 1987 Study Mission to Israel -- June 8-22

Applications are being accepted until March 13 and considered until March 31.* The cost (approximately \$1150 - \$1450) is reasonable and includes roundtrip transportation from New York to Israel, accommodations, two meals per day, and activity transportation. The form can be obtained through the CKJF office.

Information on future APPME missions is available by writing American Professors for Peace in the Middle East, 330 Seventh Avenue, Suite 606, New York, NY 10001, or calling (212) 563-2580.

*Note close application date.

Campaign to Secure Reinvestment of Bonds Bought During Yom Kippur War

In one of the most dramatic and phenomenal responses at a time of crisis for Israel and its people, one million Jewish families flocked to synagogues and Bond offices at the height of the Yom Kippur War in 1973 and purchased record amounts of Israel Bonds, worth \$515 million.

These maturing bonds, whose proceeds helped rebuild Israel's postwar economy, come due this year and in 1988. They give friends of Israel a welcome opportunity to reaffirm their ties with Israel and its future by reinvesting in the nation's economic development.

These 1972-73 Bond purchasers are being encouraged to continue their partnership with Israel by the offer of more than a full year's early interest if they add to the value of a matured Israel Bond and reinvest in a new bond.

Those friends of Israel who upgrade their investment to a \$1000 Bond attain honorary membership in "Guardians of Jerusalem" (Shomer Yerushalayim) in honor of this year's commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem.

The Federation is participating in this "Reaffirmation with Israel" campaign with Charles Stern as local chairman. During the campaign, representatives of the Bond organization will be available to assist bond holders in the simple reinvestment procedure.

"Just as one million friends joined to help Israel in its hour of critical need," Mr. Stern said, "let us now reaffirm and renew that historic response by reinvesting our Bonds and helping Israel move forward to overcome its current economic challenges.

"Check your safe deposit box and your files," he continued. "If you are holding Bonds purchased in 1973 or 1972, call the Israel Bond office in Louisville at 502-459-1896 or in Cincinnati at 513-421-4144 for information about reinvestment."

Charles Stern recently announced that an Israel Bonds Reception will take place Tuesday, April 28 at the home of Steven and Susan Caller.

Dr. William Korey, a leading national authority on Soviet/Jewish Affairs and Global Human Rights, will be the speaker.

Two Czech Memorial Scrolls Arrive in Lexington

The journey began over forty years ago when the Nazis were collecting artifacts of an "extinct" race for a museum to be opened in Prague. It continued in 1964 when, after lengthy negotiations, London's Westminster Synagogue opened its arms to a shipment of 1,564 Torahs, homeless but belonging to a vital and dynamic race.

Two of these Torahs have found their final destinations -- the Lexington Havurah and Temple Adath Israel -- and once again will take their deserved role as a basic focus of congregational worship.

The Havurah's "Holocaust Torah" fulfills a dramatic need because they had never had a Torah of their own and had recently returned one on loan. Although a havurah does not require the leadership and accoutrements of a synagogue, a Torah is so central to worship that the Havurah tenaciously pursued the acquirement of one. Soon after its arrival, a formal ceremony of initiation took place during the Tu B'Shevat service.

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Temple Adath Israel's Torah fulfills a dream of both Rabbi Jonathan Adland and the congregation. The Rabbi has kept abreast of the status of these Holocaust Torahs, and when the opportunity arose to bring one here, he actively pursued it. The new Torah brings TAI's collection to three and will be used for special occasions, including holidays and bar and bat mitzvahs. It will be dedicated at the Yom Hashoah service on April 24.

Thanks to Rabbi Adland, a little bit of history is known on TAI's scroll. It originally came from Turnov, Czechoslovakia, a Jewish diaspora community which was established in the sixteenth century and boomed in the early twentieth century. In 1942, the Jews were deported by the Nazis and the scroll confiscated.

While both scrolls have been looked over by scribes and categorized as useable, neither is kosher, a designation based on condition and past handling. All Czechoslovakia Memorial Scrolls are considered on permanent loan, but, according to Rabbi Adland, would probably be recalled only under drastic circumstances, such as the collapse of a congregation.

The goal of the committee responsible for administering this collection of scrolls is to put as many as possible back into congregational use, leaving only a limited number for museums.

In receiving two scrolls, the culmination of years of work by the London synagogue, the Lexington community is blessed but also charged with a responsibility: that of honoring these two sacred scrolls and remembering the road they traveled.

CAMP SHALOM

CKJF's Camp Shalom Committee, under the chairmanship of Joyce Mischner, has been busy planning another exceptional season of day camp for Jewish children.

This year's session will begin on June 8 and conclude on June 26. As in the past there will be an Adventure Program for 4 and 5 year old children from 9 to 12:30 each morning. Emzayee campers, 6 to 8 year olds, will remain at camp each day until 3 p.m.

Fees remain the same as last year at \$90 and \$135, respectively. Scholarship information is available from CKJF.

This year we are once again fortunate to use as our campsite a 36-acre farmsite located at the intersection of Athens-Boonesboro Road and Walnut Hill-Chilesburg Road off Richmond Road, just past Jacobson Park. We are extremely grateful to Steven Caller, Irving and Rob Rosenstein for the use of this land for camp.

COUNSELORS NEEDED

Camp Shalom has announced that openings exist for both senior and junior counselors (ages 16 and older). Ideal applicants will have experience working with children and of course should enjoy organizing and participating in outdoor camp activities.

Interested persons should call CKJF at 252-7622 or Janice Crane at 278-0119 or send a letter of application to CKJF at 333 Waller Avenue, Suite 5, Lexington, KY 40504.



Community Celebrates Purim

Purim, a minor Jewish holiday, is the only holiday which encourages unmitigated rejoicing. Parades, costumes, sweets, noisemakers, and humorous plays are typical, and even though the historical story from the Scroll of Esther teaches a serious lesson, traditional activities and even traditional synagogue services encourage wholehearted celebration and unleashed silliness.

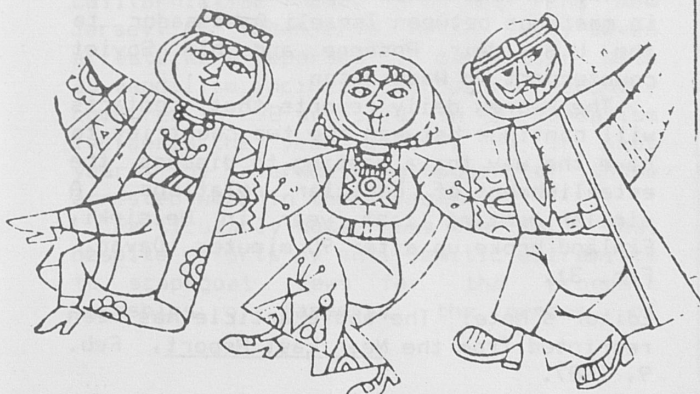
The story -- and whether it is historically true or not is in question -- is one of Jewish survivalism. It is about Queen Esther, an assimilated Jew who overcame her reluctance to chance falling out of favor and used her influence to stand up for her people in the face of their annihilation.

Queen Esther and the other characters here are universal: King Ahasuerus, powerful but more interested in merrymaking than reasoning; Haman, an anti-Semitic official of the King and the personification of evil; and Mordecai, the proud Jew who refused to bow down to the wicked Haman and induced his wrath. People throughout history have played similar roles as these.

This, along with satire carefully woven throughout and a lack of historical evidence, has probably led many to question the authenticity of the events.

However, in the scheme of things, authenticity is not important. What is important is that we fill our observance with the same basic emotions these fellow Jews must have felt when relieved of an impending sentence of annihilation.

A spirited holiday celebration is in order -- rejoice in the survival of the Jews.



Share Passover Wishes With a Refusenik Family

What better time to let our "adopted" Soviet refuseniks know that they are in our thoughts than Passover? Although the Women's Plea for Soviet Jews is an annual event, its purpose is to encourage regular contact with these courageous families who have risked all to request the freedom to practice their religion.

Passover is still a month away, but mail is slow to reach the Soviet Union and should be sent right away. As it is illegal to send various items, limit yourself to a letter only. Letters should not contain anything political or anti-Soviet or imply support for Israel. And they should not mention names of any organization working for Soviet Jewry. For best results send via registered air mail with an "Advise of Delivery Card".

Do tell them about your family, your holiday traditions, special plans for your seders, the Lexington Jewish community, etc.

The biographies that appear are for Ida Nudel, one of the most well-known, activist refuseniks, and several families who were chosen by the Lexington Women's Plea organizers in December.

Ida Nudel

Ida Nudel has become a symbol for freedom, a banner of identification with the cause of Soviet Jewry and another shining example of the resilience of the Jewish spirit.

April 27th will mark Ida Nudel's 56th birthday. She has been a Refusenik for 16 years! Ida's only remaining relatives live in Israel. Her greatest desire is to live in Israel with them.

Although Ida Nudel has long been a symbol for the Soviet Jewry movement, she has been so at enormous personal cost. An economist by profession, she has been stripped of her job and her home. In poor health and often denied the medical care she requires, Ida, who has been called the "Guardian Angel" for her selfless efforts to help other Soviet Jewish prisoners and refuseniks, has also suffered four difficult years of internal exile in Siberia. On completion of her sentence she was

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refused, once again permission to reunite with her sister in Israel. She was not allowed to return to her home in Moscow, and she now lives alone in the small town of Bendery in the Moldavian republic.

Many of us are familiar with Ida Nudel's plight. She was honored (in absentia) with the Henrietta Szold Award at the Hadassah National Convention in 1981. We must let her know that she is not forgotten.

We urge you to send birthday cards to:

Ida Nudel
ul Sovietskaya 69/2
Bendery 278100
Mold. SSR
U.S.S.R.

Ida Nudel is truly a heroine of our time. We must not forget her; we must continue to work for her release.

Alexandra and Mark (Meir) Levinov

Alexandra and Mark Levinov are a young couple who are trained computer operators. They have a daughter, Naomi, who is one year old. Alexandra and Mark have been refused visas on several occasions each, and their parents, also refuseniks, have been refused on various pretexts:

Alexandra & Mark (Meir) Levinov
Golubinskaya 17/9/167
MOSCOW
RSFSR, USSR

Valeria and Anatoly Levitin

The Levitins, a family in Kharkov, are isolated because they have no relatives left in the USSR. They have been trying to emigrate to Israel since 1979. Their daughter Elena, age 17, and Anatoly's mother Sofia also wish to secure exit visas.

Anatoly is an economist and engineer and Valeria is an ophthalmologist. After applying for visas, she lost her job and he was required to change his:

Anatoly and Valeria Levitin
Sumskaya 73/137
KHARKOV 310023
UKRAINIAN SSR, USSR

Evgeny and Ludmilla Yuriev

Evgeny Yuriev is a 37 year old computer programmer from Leningrad. He and his

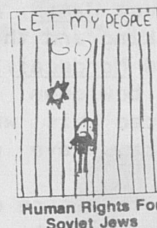
wife Ludmilla, a mathematics teacher, have been trying to leave the Soviet Union with their son Yuri for six years. They are refused on the pretext that Evgeny was exposed to "secrets" during his routine military service more than a decade ago. Evgeny speaks English:

Evgeny & Ludmilla Yuriev
Gasheka St. 2, kv. 551
LENINGRAD
RSFSR, USSR

Professor Aleksandr Lerner

Professor Aleksandr Lerner, a noted scientist, submitted his visa application in 1971 and has been repeatedly denied because of "state secrets" he allegedly possesses. While awaiting approval to join his daughter, Sonya, in Israel, his wife Judit died in 1981:

Professor Aleksandr Lerner
Dmitry Ulanova 4-2-322
MOSCOW 117333
RSFSR, USSR



ISRAEL-USSR AGREEMENT

Israel and the U.S.S.R. have agreed to renew high-level political discussions toward a resumption of relations, according to an Israeli newspaper.

The agreement was reportedly worked out in meetings between Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Meir Rosenne and his Soviet counterpart in Washington.

The Hebrew daily reports that contacts will continue between the two countries to pave the way for a meeting to discuss the establishment of consular relations. A similar meeting last year in Helsinki, Finland broke up after 90 minutes (Davar, Feb. 3).

Editor's Note: The above article has been reprinted from the Near East Report, Feb. 9, 1987.

Anti-Defamation League Releases Annual Audit

Acts of anti-Semitic vandalism, including bombings and arson, directed against Jews, Jewish institutions and property totaled 594 across the United States in 1986 -- a drop of 7 percent from the 638 incidents reported in 1985. Kentucky had no reported incidents of anti-Semitic vandalism in 1986, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith's Regional Director Alan S. Katchen.

Assaults, harassment and threats against Jewish individuals and institutions showed virtually no change in 1986 -- a total of 312 such incidents as against 306 reported in 1985. One of the assaults resulted in the homicide death of a Hassidic man in New York. In Kentucky, there was one incident of anti-Semitic threat and harassment as compared to 2 such episodes in 1985.

These were the principal findings of the annual audit conducted by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and made public recently. The survey described as "troubling" a rise in serious anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses, up from 12 in 1985 to 19 in 1986.

According to Burton S. Levinson, ADL's National Chairman, the overall 1986 figures reflect a general downward trend in anti-Semitic incidents over the past five years which "in all likelihood is due to passage of anti-bias crime laws, more vigorous law enforcement and counteraction programs." In the past few years, 29 states have adopted stricter laws aimed at curbing ethnic vandalism, many of them based on ADL model legislation.

The ADL audit revealed that New York, with 186 vandalism incidents (down from 199 in 1985), led the nation, followed by Florida with 79 (up from 47 in 1985), California, 62 (down from 85) and New Jersey, 48 (down from 74). Fifty-seven arrests were reported in connection with 33 vandalism incidents across the country compared to 78 arrested in 48 vandalism incidents the year before. As in past years, the overwhelming number of those arrested were in their teens.

Particularly noted was the fact that despite efforts by anti-Semitic extremists to scapegoat Jews for the economic hardships of farmers, the number of

vandalism incidents in the Midwest's major farm states remained low and showed no significant change.

The 19 anti-Semitic incidents reported on college campuses included the vandalizing of sukkahs (the ceremonial temporary Sukkot dwelling) at four colleges, the defacement of Jewish student property, the painting of anti-Semitic graffiti on campus buildings and harassment of Jewish students stemming from friction with supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization and other anti-Israel groups.

Noting that the anti-Semitic incidents took place against a background of recent increases in racial incidents on campuses, the audit said that "any expression of prejudice or atmosphere of intolerance toward any minority at any educational institution merits urgent action."

Mr. Levinson said the audit is a useful measurement of one aspect of anti-Semitism in the United States but other manifestations continue to be monitored. He included the activities of far left and far right anti-Jewish hate and extremist movements such as the violence-prone group known as "the Order", the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazi groups, and Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam.

The League's survey, the eighth since 1979, was based on data reported in 33 states and the District of Columbia as gathered through the monitoring activities of the agency's 31 regional offices.

The audit report, prepared by the Research Department of the League's Civil Rights Division headed by Justin J. Finger, was divided into two basic categories -- (1) vandalism, ranging from swastika daubings to bombings and arson, and (2) assaults, threats and harassments against Jewish individuals and institutions.

In the anti-Semitic vandalism category the 1986 total included: 4 cases of arson, as against 6 in 1985; 1 bombing compared to 3 in 1985; 1 attempted bombing as against 3 in 1985; 3 attempted arsons compared to 5 attempted arsons in 1985, and 9 incidents involving desecration of cemeteries compared to 4 in 1985.

In a section on counteraction, ADL described a new legal approach taken by Shaare Tefila, a Maryland synagogue, which was defaced by anti-Semitic graffiti and

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is seeking damages under the Civil Rights Act of 1966 that bans racially motivated discrimination. ADL has filed an amicus curiae brief in the case which is now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

A highlight of the counteraction program featured in the ADL audit is Ohio's recent passage of a new ethnic vandalism and intimidation law, which is based on model legislation drafted by the League. Mr. Katchen said, "It is a strong law that can help persuade some people who express religious, ethnic, or racial hatred through violent behavior that it will not be tolerated in Ohio. They will pay a higher price for their conduct."

The ADL audit included an eight-year graph of the annual national totals of anti-Semitic incidents, a state by state breakdown of the current figures and a table of states with ethnic crime statutes.

The CKJF office has a copy of the complete audit. If interested in seeing this, call Linda Ravin at (606) 252-7622.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is an annual recipient of funds allocated by CKJF, an activity made possible by the community's support of the annual Federation-UJA fund raising campaign.

WOLF BLITZER TAI's Major Speaker of the Year

Temple Adath Israel presents Wolf Blitzer, Washington Bureau Chief of the Jerusalem Post, on Sunday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. His topic will be "What's Going on in Israel -- Domestic Strains". This TAI sponsored event is free and open to all.

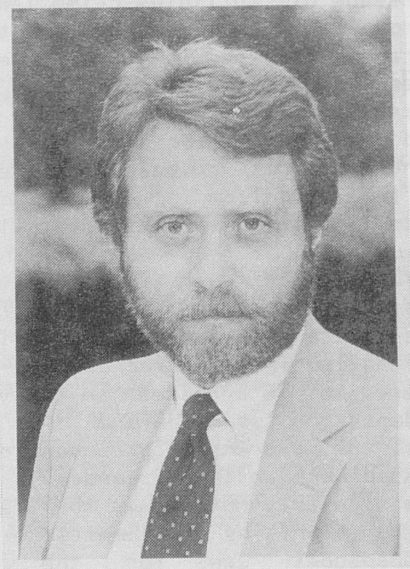
Wolf Blitzer has been covering Washington since the 1973 war. Since then, he has met with top American, Israeli and Arab leaders and has written hundreds of articles on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Before coming to Washington, he worked as a foreign correspondent in the Tel Aviv bureau of the Reuters News Agency.

He has covered some of the most significant events in Arab-Israeli relations, from the first Israeli-Egyptian peace conference to the 1982 withdrawal of PLO and Syrian forces from Beirut.

In addition to the Post, Blitzer's articles have appeared in major publications, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and The New Republic. His articles also appear in many Jewish newspapers and magazines.

Blitzer has been a frequent commentator on national television news programs. He was a special guest on NBC's live telecast of Egyptian President Sadat's historic arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in 1977. He has appeared on NBC's Meet the Press and The Today Show, ABC's Nightline and Good Morning America, Public Broadcasting's MacNeil-Lehrer Newshour and Washington Week in Review and others. He was a consultant on ABC's April 1981 20/20 special on terrorism, entitled "The Unholy War".

Wolf Blitzer is the author of a new book, Between Washington and Jerusalem, which the Temple office has available at a substantial discount.



Economic Recovery: Round Two

Editor's Note: This article appeared in the Near East Report, Feb. 9, 1987.

Israel is poised to take the next step in healing its economy: a program of budget cuts, tax reform, and capital reform intended to stimulate industrial development. After weeks of discussions with the Histadrut labor federation and the Manufacturer's Association, the Cabinet approved a compromise plan acceptable to the major sectors of the economy.

Under the plan, the government will reduce its \$20.7 billion budget by more than \$224 million. The reductions would come from cuts in the general fund, higher user fees on some health and education services, and lower subsidies on basic food items. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin did not receive a requested increase in the defense budget but was spared a cut for the first time in almost ten years.

To make Israeli products more competitive on the world market and to increase the cost of imports, the government has devalued the shekel by 10%.

The government hopes to increase spendable income by reducing the maximum tax rate from 60% to 48%.

To stimulate industrial growth, the Cabinet will increase the amount of investment capital in private hands. The government will reduce its borrowings; reduce the amount which savings banks are required to redeposit with the government; and extend tax breaks given to non-government-issued securities. Commercial banks will have more freedom in making corporate loans; portions of pensions and other funds will be available for non-government securities; foreign capital controls will be liberalized.

The plan is intended to advance the recovery begun two years ago when the government undertook to stabilize the economy. Last year, inflation was 19.7% -- higher than in many industrialized countries but well below Israel's record triple-digit rates. It is the lowest rate since 1972, when inflation was 14%.

Stabilization achieved, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim hopes to lower inflation further and spur growth through a comprehensive program first introduced two months ago. From its inception, that

reform faced vocal opposition from the Histadrut labor federation, the Manufacturer's Association and various political figures. The final plan approved by the Cabinet takes steps in the direction of Nissim's plan, but falls short of the sweeping reforms originally envisioned; a second reform package may be introduced later this year. "The government is taking one slice of the salami at a time," said one observer.

The government predicts that as a result of the plan, the gross domestic product should rise by 3.2%, business sector production by 4%, the standard of living by 2.8% and prices by 20%.

Top Israeli officials involved in economic planning recently presented the Cabinet-approved program to the U.S. - Israel Joint Economic Development Group (JEDG), the intergovernmental committee established two years ago to review Israel's economic progress. In its original form, the economic reform plan closely reflected JEDG recommendations.

U.S. officials on the panel were reportedly disappointed that the Cabinet-approved version fell short of the original proposal, but recognized the political constraints which shaped the final plan. A U.S. officer told NER that since the government budget cut will be achieved, in part, by decreasing subsidies, it will not truly reduce the size of the government or release additional capital for investment in the private sector. He added that while the original tax reform plan would have been revenue neutral, the current plan reduces government income and may increase Israel's deficit. But, he noted, changes in the capital market will probably be a boon to the economy.

Nissim recently predicted that the plan may cause a short period of price increases which would then be followed by lower inflation. It was also feared that a cost-of-living adjustment to be given to workers in March might fuel inflation. To prevent this, the Manufacturer's Association and the Histadrut have an agreement calling for a price freeze on most subsidized goods and services until March 1988. In exchange, workers have agreed to a reduced cost-of-living allowance.

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Economic Recovery ... continued

This is just the latest round in the fight for a more productive economy, said one U.S. official. "Israel must bear its defense burden while providing a standard of living high enough to attract new immigrants," he commented. "To do this and to reduce the size of the government is just incredibly difficult ... Harder for Israel than anyplace else."

UJA Shabbat Set for April 3

The United Jewish Appeal is, without any doubt, the greatest humanitarian movement in Jewish history. It is the UJA, through our local federations, that has assumed responsibility for aiding Jews the world over. It is the means through which we channel our funds and our efforts for the entire Jewish people.

In addition to helping the people of Israel, it sustains Jews in oppressed areas, such as the Soviet Union, and Jews in need, such as the Jewish communities of Romania and Hungary. The refugees aided by monies raised by the United Jewish Appeal, number in the millions. In Israel alone, UJA has helped to settle over 1,700,000 individuals in the last four decades. Locally it supports a camp, welcomes newcomers, provides emergency assistance to individuals, educates and promotes Jewish identity and cohesiveness throughout our community.

It is appropriate, therefore, to set aside a Shabbat to call attention to the fine work of the UJA and to emphasize our own responsibilities as Jews to support the UJA in any way we can.

We will be holding a special service this year on April 3, for the first time, to honor the work of the United Jewish Appeal. The speakers on behalf of UJA and CKJF will be Simone Salomon, Campaign Chair, at Ohavay Zion Synagogue; Ellie Goldman, Women's Division Co-chair, at Temple Adath Israel; and Robert Baumann, Men's Division Chair, for the Lexington Havurah.

Services for all three congregations begin at 8 p.m., and the Lexington Havurah meets at the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center on Ashland Avenue. Please join us.

Update: Israel Named Major Non-NATO Ally

The Reagan administration has accepted recommendations from Congress (reported in the Feb. 1987 issue) and has officially designated Israel a major non-NATO ally, a status which acknowledges the important relationship between the U.S. and Israel. The non-NATO ally status is conferred on an annual basis and is not automatically renewed.

News from the Feb. 16 edition of the Near East Report defines this new partnership. While it does not tie the two countries to a defense treaty, Israel will now be allowed to reap certain NATO benefits, most importantly in collaborative military research, development and production.

UJA Young Leadership Plans Retreat

The United Jewish Appeal Midwest Young Leadership Retreat is scheduled to take place in Lake Okoboji, Iowa, May 15-17, 1987.

The retreat entitled "Why Be Jewish: Making the Case for Leading a Jewish Life" will feature workshops on leadership skills, Jewish family life, Tzadakah, Anti-Semitism and related concerns, and Israel missions.

Interested persons should contact CKJF Administrator Linda Ravvin at 252-7622.

People in the News

Ted Friedman has been named Table Tennis State Chair for the Bluegrass State Games to be held in Lexington, July 31 - Aug. 2. The games have been deemed the largest amateur event in Kentucky.

Evelyn Krislov has been presented the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award.

Dr. Steven Goldstein was recently elected to the National House of Delegates, representing the Southeast Region, for Physicians for Social Responsibility.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION at the Temple continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 with Israeli policy and Jewish Ethics by Dr. Jeremy Popkin, Professor of History at U.K., on April 1; and Women of Israel, presented by Hadassah on April 8.

"ESCAPE FROM SOBIBOR", presented by Chrysler Showcase will be on CBS-TV, Sunday, April 12 from 8 to 11 p.m.

This film is based on the incredible true story of the largest mass revolt and escape in Europe during World War II, and is one of the very few Jewish victories to come out of the Holocaust. It presents an unforgettable picture of the precarious day-to-day existence of life in a Nazi extermination camp. Yet at the same time, "Escape From Sobibor" depicts the unique and humiliating defeat that the Nazis suffered at the hands of some 600 untrained, ill-fed and virtually unarmed Jewish prisoners.

The film stars Alan Arkin, Joanna Pacula and Rutger Hauer.

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS CONFERENCE, sponsored by The National Endowment for the Humanities, will take place April 23-24 at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Brandeis Conference is designed for a variety of audiences. Anyone interested in history, law, Zionism, organized labor, politics, the Supreme Court, twentieth century reform movements, and the Constitution will find the program informative and enjoyable. The conference is open to the public and registration is free.

For further information write: The Brandeis Conference, The University Archives, Room 417, Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292; or call: (502) 588-6674.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - APRIL 23 OR 24: At the request of the Bluegrass International Affairs Council, the CKJF Community Activities Committee agreed to set up a booth representing Jewish and Israeli culture at their upcoming International Festival.

Committee Chairman Nat Sandler is coordinating this effort and is looking for a group of volunteers to man the booth for only two hours each. The Louisville Federation has graciously offered to furnish us with the displays and materials they have used in a similar event.

Volunteers will need simply to man the booth, run the audio-visual displays, distribute brochures and answer questions. On Thursday, April 23, volunteers are needed for two hour time slots during the 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. visiting hours; on Friday, April 24, volunteers are needed for two hour time slots, running from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please call the CKJF office at 252-7622 to sign up.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED: As a service to Kentucky's Department of Social Services, we reprint the following recruitment message recently distributed to churches and synagogues:

Many children in the Lexington area need temporary homes. You can help these children, as well as gain a rewarding experience for yourself, by being a foster parent. Please call the Department for Social Services at 253-1677 or attend our intake meeting, which is held the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 10 a.m., at 710 West High Street.

PASSOVER SUPPLIES COMING TO A GROCERY NEAR YOU: Two groceries have informed us that Kosher foods are being stocked in time for Passover. Special orders are also welcome:

Randalls
344 Romany Road
266-0471

Foodtown
Woodhill Circle Plaza
266-0466

The Vatican Shows A Schizophrenia About Jews

Editor's Note: The following letter to the editor appeared in The New York Times.

The controversy provoked by Cardinal John O'Connor's trip to Israel and Jordan, which has swung wildly from effusive praise of the Cardinal to bitter criticism, should not be allowed to obscure certain truths.

While it is the case that it was the Vatican that at first refused to allow Cardinal O'Connor to visit officially with Israeli leaders in Jerusalem, the Cardinal was not simply an innocent victim of circumstances. The Vatican decision was dictated by a policy for which Cardinal O'Connor has publicly expressed complete support. He has stated repeatedly that formal diplomatic ties between the Vatican and Israel must await a solution to the Palestinian problem and the establishment of some new international status for Jerusalem.

There are several things wrong with that demand.

First, it implies it is Israel that is solely responsible for the persistence of the Palestinian problem. But the reason it festers 40 years after the United Nations called for the establishment of a Palestinian state is the moral and political bankruptcy of Palestinian leadership, which to this day prefers the present predicament to acceptance of the other part of the U.N. resolution, which established the Jewish state.

The other thing that is wrong with Cardinal O'Connor's statement is its implication that the Vatican establishes diplomatic ties only with those governments of whose policies it approves. But the Vatican maintains formal diplomatic ties even with repressive and dictatorial regimes. Indeed, it maintained formal ties with Nazi Germany until the very end of World War II. Shouldn't it trouble Cardinal O'Connor that the Vatican finds only Israel undeserving of formal recognition?

Cardinal O'Connor's insistence (news story, Dec. 31) that it is the Vatican's concern over the status of Jerusalem, not its failure to extend full diplomatic relations to Israel, that is at issue is entirely unconvincing. Other countries that do not recognize the political arrangements in Jerusalem regularly meet

Israeli heads of state in Jerusalem. None consider such meetings to imply an acceptance of Jerusalem's status. It is therefore clear that the Vatican's diplomatic ties with Israel, not the status of Jerusalem, is the issue.

The Vatican seems to be afflicted by a kind of schizophrenia. Since the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), dramatic and courageous changes have been made by the Roman Catholic Church to eliminate sources of anti-Semitism in its religious traditions and dogma. Pope John Paul II's recent visit to the synagogue in Rome was only the most recent of the church's efforts to shape a friendly and sympathetic relationship between Christianity and Judaism. No one can question the genuineness and significance of those efforts.

Yet Vatican diplomacy persists in reflecting an anachronistic Catholic view that saw Jewish exile as punishment for rejection of the message of Christianity. That old theology couldn't be reconciled with the return of Jewish sovereignty in Israel.

Henry Siegman, Exec. Dir.
American Jewish Congress
New York, 1/12/87

OOPS!

CKJF regrets that in the last issue of this bulletin incorrect information about **Goldman Union Camp Institute** was published. Please make note of the correct information which follows:

1987 Goldman Union Camp Institute
Program and Fees

KALLAH ALEPH: June 16 - July 12
KALLAH BET: July 14 - August 9







Activities and study for boys and girls entering grades 4 through 10. Four weeks: \$995; Eight weeks: \$1990. (There is an additional fee of \$50 for a 4-week session and \$100 for an 8-week session charged for campers whose families are not members of congregations affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.)

OVFTY INSTITUTE: August 10 -16; Leadership institute for OVFTY members; co-ed for grades 9-12. \$160

For additional information contact: Rabbi Ronald Koltz, GUCI, 9349 Moore Road, Zionsville, IN 46077-9395, (317) 873-3361.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
22 21 ADAR 7:30 pm-Wolf Blitzer speaks at Temple	23 22 ADAR 7:30 pm-Black/Jew. Coalition Candidates' Forum, TAI	24 23 ADAR 12 pm-TAI Mitzvah Corps 7:45 pm-CKJF CAC at office	25 24 ADAR 8 pm-CKJF board meeting	26 25 ADAR	27 26 ADAR 8 pm-Pizza/Coke at TAI 	28 27 ADAR 3/28-29 TAI Spring Retreat Vayakhell/Pekude SHABBAT HACHODESH 
29 28 ADAR 10-4 CKJF Board Orientation & Workshop 7:30 pm-OZS Adult Education	30 29 ADAR 8 pm-Hadassah general meeting at J. Levine's	31 1 NISAN 1 pm-TAI Sist./Ohio Valley Fed. of Temple Sisthds. ROSH CHODESH	1 2 NISAN 9-2 OVFTS continue 7:30 pm-TAI Adult Education	2 3 NISAN	3 4 NISAN 8 pm-UJA Shabbat at OZS, TAI & Havurah 	4 5 NISAN Temple Services  Vayikra
5 6 NISAN 10 am-B'nai B'rith board SUPER SUNDAY!!	6 7 NISAN 9 am-TAI Sist. board	7 8 NISAN TAI/OZS/HAV board meetings	8 9 NISAN 7:30 pm-TAI Adult Education	9 10 NISAN	10 11 NISAN 8 pm-Shabbat Hagadol at Temple 	11 12 NISAN Singles Day at Keeneland (contact Steve Bram) Tzav SHABBAT HAGADOL 
12 13 NISAN 9:45 am-TAI Bro.	13 14 NISAN FAST OF THE FIRST BORN FIRST SEDER 	14 15 NISAN ** CKJF office closed ** 6:30 pm-TAI Passover Seder PESACH 	15 16 NISAN PESACH	16 17 NISAN Hadassah Women's Discussion	17 18 NISAN INTERMEDIATE DAYS 	18 19 NISAN CHOL HAMOED 
19 20 NISAN EASTER CHOL HAMOED 	20 21 NISAN 4/20-21 CKJF ofc. closed PESACH 	21 22 NISAN 9 am-TAI Sisterhood board 8 pm-OZS Sist. kitchen shower & cooking demonstration PESACH	22 23 NISAN TAI Sisterhood luncheon meeting 8 pm-CKJF Board meeting	23 24 NISAN 4/23-25 BIAC Festival at Civic Cntr Shops	24 25 NISAN 8pm-Yom Hashoa Service at TAI 	25 26 NISAN 10:30 am-Michele Kocen Bat Mitzvah at TAI 8 pm-CKJF INTERACT III Shemini 

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Black-Jewish Coalition Plans Candidates' Forum

All seven Kentucky gubernatorial candidates have been invited to state their views and policies on minority affairs at a public forum scheduled by the Black-Jewish Coalition of Central Kentucky at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 23 at Temple Adath Israel, 124 N. Ashland Ave.

The forum, open to the public and co-sponsored by the Temple, is the first such event planned by the Black-Jewish coalition.

The candidates for governor, five Democrats and two Republicans facing a May primary, have been invited to address their positions on such issues as education, employment, housing and positions in state government, both professional and appointive, with emphasis on minority involvement and representation. To date,

only Julian Carroll has issued an official acceptance.

Co-moderators for the forum will be Bonnie Krasik, co-anchor of the WLEX-TV early morning "Kentucky Sunrise" news program, and John Townsend, aide to Mayor Scotty Baesler and host of the WKYT-TV "Directions" talk show.

The Black-Jewish Coalition of Central Kentucky was formed four years ago on an informal basis for dialogue on minority concerns and has been organized more formally during the past year under the leadership of lay and ministerial representatives of the Black and Jewish communities.

Current chairmen are the Rev. Willis Polk and Rabbi Uriel Smith. Jack L. Miller is the representative of the CKJF Community Relations Committee.