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Community Relations Committee Launches New Institute

The CKJF Community Relations Committee, which is Co-chaired by Bill Leffler and David Kaplan, is sponsoring what we hope will become an annual event for us - an Institute on Judaism for Christian Clergy. It will be held at Temple Adath Israel on Wednesday morning, October 16, from 9:30 until noon. There will be a deli luncheon following the lecture.

The speaker for this Institute will be Rabbi Michael Cook, Professor of Intertestamental and Early Christian Literature at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

We are hoping for a large turnout for this event.

For many years the rabbis of Lexington and volunteers from the Jewish community have spoken to church groups throughout the Bluegrass, and realized that there is a great deal of interest in Judaism and the Jewish roots of Christianity. This Institute will enable many of the clergy to hear a rabbi talk about the New Testament from a scholarly and a Jewish perspective. We think this will be a significant addition to the process of inter-religious understanding in our community.

President's Message

Shalom -

As the High Holiday season draws to a close, one can feel a heightened sense of movement in the Jewish community. Our work never stops, but the hiatus we experience creates, of necessity, a slower pace.

While I write this, during the intermediate days of *Sukkot*, I realize that my pace actually quickened. On September 12, Gail Cohen and I flew to Washington, D.C.. We participated in the nationwide effort mounted by the American Jewish community on behalf of Israel's request for a \$10 billion loan guarantee. Gathered together with 1200 volunteers like ourselves, we heard once again about the urgent need for funds. Israel is not asking for a donation, or even interest-free loans. She is seeking a sponsor, a guarantor for borrowed funds that will enable her to create the infrastructure - roads, schools, utilities - that will enable her to absorb the tens of thousands of Russian Jews arriving every month.

Gail and I, together with two representatives of the Louisville Jewish community, visited Senators Ford and McConnell, and met with Representative Larry Hopkins' aide. We also met with an aide to Representative Hal Rogers. The Louisville team met with Representatives Bunning and Mazzoli. We were buoyed by the positive stand taken by our Senators. Both men are knowledgeable and supportive. Their concern, like ours, is that the President has come down so strongly on the side of delay. The Representatives and their aides, with the exception of Mr. Bunning, were not as positive and we came away feeling considerable concern.

It is vitally important that each of you write to at least one of our Congressmen, whether to acknowledge and thank them for their support, or to urge the rest to consider the merits of Israel's request. The United States

played a crucial role in winning a more open emigration policy from the Soviet Union. Can our government, can we, pull back our support now? We believe this is a humanitarian cause and should be dealt with on that basis.

Immediately following the first two days of *Sukkot*, the Social Services Committee held a series of meetings with Bert Goldberg, Director of the Association of Jewish Family Services and Children's Agencies. The increasing number of requests for all kinds of assistance - social and psychological, as well as financial - has led the Committee to explore options for developing a more professional and structured approach to meeting these needs. The discussions were an education for all of us, and the Social Services Committee will be sharing much of the information with the community in the months to come.

As part of Mr. Goldberg's visit, Mike Ades, Chair of the CKJF Long Range Planning Committee, convened a meeting of this committee. As part of our ongoing efforts to define and prioritize needs, a questionnaire will be sent to the entire Central Kentucky Jewish Community. When the time comes, we hope you will assist us by completing the questionnaire and returning it to us.

A Federation such as ours reaches out to each and every one of you in many ways. It is my fervent hope that you will respond by participating, contributing, and volunteering. Our greatest strength is our energy and enthusiasm.

Judith Saxe,
President, CKJF

Excerpts from Rabbi Adland's Sermon, Erev Rosh Hashanah 1991

We know the story of Israel and we retell it often because it is an emotional, successful story bringing to a climax two thousand years of Jewish wandering, suffering, landlessness, and poverty. With the establishment of the Jewish State in 1948, the most recent chapter of Jewish history was opened.

Despite all the successes over the last forty year, including assimilation and integration of such a diverse community of people onto one land, this last year for Israel was a roller coaster ride of emotions and circumstances unlike any previous year, testing my resolve and commitment to Israel. Each year we say at the CKJF/UJA Fund drive that Israel needs us now more than ever. There is no question in the truth of that statement today. Just look back over the year beginning in January.

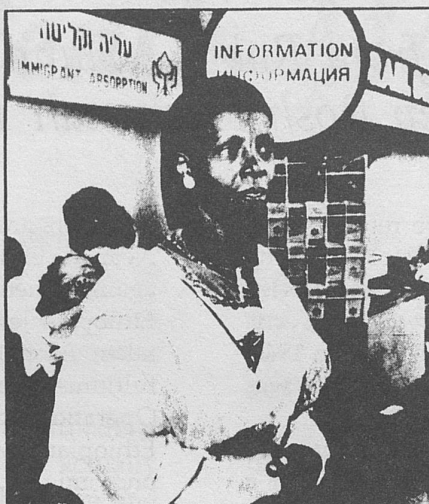
Maybe it is just me, but Israel's pain is my pain because it is Jewish pain. The thought of Scud missiles raining down on Tel Aviv last January left me feeling vulnerable and scared and sad.

When Operation Desert Storm came to a conclusion in February, Israel, who displayed restraint at tremendous physical and psychological cost, returned immediately to the task she had set her resolve to over the last two years: rescuing and resettling Soviet Jews. The numbers are staggering. Up to 20,000 Soviet Jews arrive each month seeking freedom from oppression, persecution, pursuing religious and personal freedom. They are housed in apartments, hotels, and temporary shelters, waiting for homes to be built.

Many of these recent immigrants are extremely well-qualified in the area of high technology. A recent publication stated that over forty percent of the Soviet immigrants hold at least one university degree, and more than twenty-five percent of those degrees are in engineering and architecture. Overall the proportion of scientists, engineers, and doctors among the arriving Soviets is five to seven times greater than that found in the general population of Israel or developed Western countries. With the expected arrival of nearly 200,000 scientists, engineers, and technicians over the next three to four years, private high-tech commercial companies are surfacing throughout Israel. The immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel is changing the face of the Holy Land in ways no one could have ever imagined. But highly qualified scientists and

engineers aren't the only recent arrivals into Israel. Near the end of May, Israel's magic carpet worked again, when, within a 36 hour period, 14,000 Ethiopian Jews were put on board jumbo jets and taken from the jaws of certain extinction to the fulfillment of a dream of a thousand years. Operation Solomon was a complete success. The Ethiopian Jewish community had dwindled from a once mighty population of one million people to only twenty-five thousand remaining souls at the beginning of the last decade. Operation Moses in the early 1980's had rescued some, but in doing so, families were divided, children left without parents, husbands without wives. As part of the world wide Jewish community, we must be proud of this rescue. Israel didn't ask how much and debate the economics of the rescue of Beta Yisrael, nor do they worry about how they will house each Soviet immigrant. First, let us save Jewish souls from destruction, then we'll worry.

These rescue operations will cost Israel dearly though. They are seeking a \$10 billion loan guarantee to help in the absorption. This is only 20% of the estimated cost of \$50 billion. Israel's population increase will be 20% over five years. That is like America absorbing 50 million new immigrants in five years. \$1 billion will build 12,000 new classrooms to hold over 300,000 new students. Eleven billion dollars to build 260,000 homes. And so on. Our Congress should be told that this aid is critical and should not be used to pressure Israel. This money is not Foreign Aid, but a guarantee that banks will make the money available for Israel to borrow. Israel has repaid every guaranteed loan before, and there is no reason to think that this time will be any different. If we in the American Jewish community fail in helping Israel to obtain this loan guarantee, then all we have worked for in securing freedom for Soviet Jews and Ethiopian Jews will be in serious trouble. Without the guarantee, resettlement in Israel is in jeopardy. Please contact Senators Ford and McConnell, or your Representative, and urge them to vote in favor of this guarantee.



Homecoming

*For over 2,000 years
it has been the prayer of Ethiopian Jewry.*

At last that prayer has been fulfilled.



The thousands Operation Moses could not bring out have come home—to Israel.

Their days as Falashas—strangers in exile—are past, dimmed by the joyous moment of aliyah. And now their future in the Jewish Homeland is just beginning.

The transition of these new Ethiopian immigrants into the fabric of Israeli life requires

enormous resources, and Israel bears most of the burden.

We can, indeed we must, help through our generous contributions to Operation Exodus, the UJA/Federation Campaign to rescue Soviet and Ethiopian Jews and to resettle them in Israel. The need is urgent. Please send your check today to your local federation.



We Are One

A Portrait of Our Families



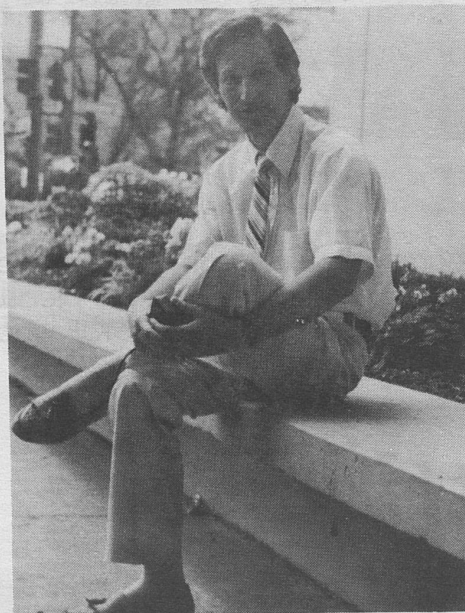
The Central Kentucky Jewish community has welcomed into its hearts five new Soviet families who have arrived since April. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of meeting these families, you can read about them. For those members of CKJF who have met the families, this is an update.

Local Resettlement



Our first family is the Orlovs, who arrived in April. Sasha and Zoya are the husband and wife. Viktor, 14, and Lev, 3 1/2, are their children. Zoya is employed at the Marriott in the housekeeping department, and Sasha is employed at Galls Inc. Sasha is by trade a photographer and developer. Viktor attends Henry Clay High School.

The Rozenzhak family arrived next, a family of five. Zena is the mother and Misha is the father. Sofya, 13, attends Morton Middle School, and her brother, Will, attends Breckinridge Elementary School. Genya Kremer is Zena's mother and she speaks Yiddish. Zena is employed at St. Joseph's Hospital in their day care center, and is planning on going to school for nursing or radiation technology in the near future. Misha was a barber in the Soviet Union.



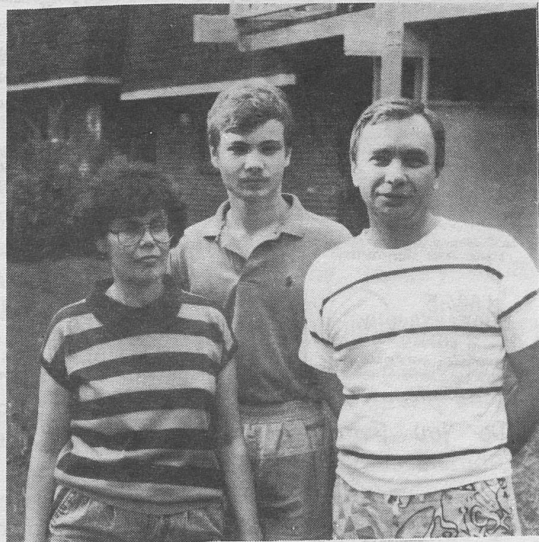
The Central Kentucky Jewish Federation would like to officially thank Jon Adland, former Co-chair of the Resettlement Committee. He has done a great job. Also, we would like to thank Kaye and Harold Frankel who donated countless hours as volunteer coordinators. They spent much of this spring and summer organizing volunteers to do the many jobs involved with resettlement. Thank you, Kaye and Harold.



The Shur family consists of Boris, Olga, and their daughter Maya, who is 11 years old and attends Morton Middle School. The Shur family comes from Kiev originally. Boris is now employed at the Jockey club as a systems analyst, and Olga is looking for employment as a computer programmer.



The Slepak family consists of Marina, Mikhail and Sasha, 14. Mikhail is currently employed at the University of Kentucky in the Civil Engineering Department. Marina has just obtained a part-time job in her field. She is a research assistant in the College of Environmental Sciences at the University of Kentucky. Sasha attends Henry Clay High School.



Our newest family, the Kaganovs are Jacob, Natalie and Dan. Jacob's background is as a journalist, and he is now employed at Geno's Formal Wear.

Natalie has been trained as a food inspector, and she is taking English classes and looking for employment. Dan is a student along with Sasha Slepak and Viktor Orlov at Henry Clay High School. Dan enjoys deep sea fishing.

We are still very much in need of volunteers. Please call the CKJF office, or return this form to the CKJF office at 333 Waller Avenue, Suite 5, if you have any time to:

- donate for driving,
- pick up furniture,
- invite families to your home for dinner, (especially Shabbat dinner)
- or any other ideas **you** may have.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____

Bar and Bat Mitzvah

Nancy and Phillip Hoffman
invite you to join in worship
on this joyous occasion, as their son
Mark Richard
will be called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, November 9, 1991
10:00 a.m.

Ohavay Zion Synagogue
Kiddush luncheon following the service.

Mark will lead the Friday Night service at 8:00 pm.
Please join us for the service and the Oneg Shabbat
following.



B'nai B'rith Meeting

B'nai B'rith Lexington - Stanley Rose Lodge
will have an open meeting on Sunday,
October 27, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be
held at Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

The speaker will be Col. Edward R.
Bridgeman, Chief, University of Cincinnati
Police. He is an expert on terrorism, anti-
terrorism management, and mass violence.

Chief Bridgeman has traveled to several
European countries to meet with police and
military officials. Recently he visited Israel as
a member of a mission to study means of
handling conflict in the Middle East. He has
also traveled nationwide for ADL to speak on
counter-terrorism as it relates to anti-Jewish
activities.

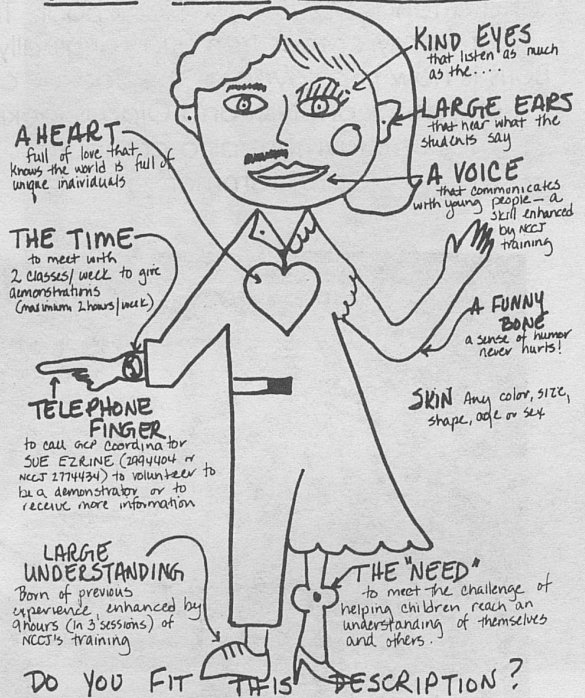
Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be
served. For information about this meeting,
and about membership for men and women
in B'nai B'rith, call Martin Kaplan at 277-3992
or Stephen Kesten at 277-7726.

Our daughter
Kimberlie Ellen
will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah
Saturday morning, October 26, 1991, at 10:00 am
Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court

We invite you to join us in worship
on this joyous occasion
and to be our guest at a Kiddush Luncheon
following the service

Alice and David Weinberg

GREEN CIRCLE DEMONSTRATOR



GREEN CIRCLE

A program to help elementary school children
reach an understanding of themselves and others.

Volunteers are needed for this creative,
stimulating, and rewarding experience.

Time required: 2 hours per week,
after 9 hours of NCCJ training.

Contact SUE EZRINE, the Green Circle
Coordinator at 299-4404 or 277-4434, ASAP, to
volunteer or for further information. A new
training session begins October 11!

ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES A Shared Tradition of 'Aliyah'

Like the United States, Israel is a society based on 'Aliyah' or immigration. In the same way that the Statue of Liberty has beckoned the oppressed to America's shores, Israel has been a haven for millions of Jewish refugees worldwide. Most recently, Israel dramatically airlifted 15,000 Jewish refugees from war-torn Ethiopia. However, Jews are not the only refugees to immigrate to Israel. In the 1980's nearly 1000 Vietnamese boat people found freedom in Israel.

Today Israel faces her largest immigration challenge. After a two-decade campaign by the United States government and the American people, Jews are finally able to leave the Soviet Union. One million will immigrate to Israel over the next several years—the largest single migration of Jews in history.

Fears of a resurgence of violent anti-Semitism and a cutoff of immigration are rising as the political and economic decay of the Soviet Union continues. Anti-Semitic demonstrations have percolated throughout the country. Quickening the pace of immigration depends on the ability of Israel to absorb the immigrants. While Israel has the will, acquiring the means is a staggering task.

In September, Israel will ask the United States to 'guarantee' or 'co-sign' a loan to help pay for the costs of absorbing Soviet Jews. This will be in the form of a \$10 billion loan distributed over five years. Many organizations are participating in a national letter-writing campaign to educate Members of Congress on the urgency of this legislation.

Please participate and write a letter now. In your letters, emphasize that Israel is asking the U.S. to co-sign a loan, not give her a grant, and that Israel has never defaulted on a loan.

Suggested recipients of letters include, but are not limited to:

Rep. Larry Hopkins
333 W. Vine Street, Room 207
Lexington, Ky 40507

Sen. Wendell H. Ford
600 Federal Place, Room 172-C
Louisville, Ky 40202

Sen. Mitch McConnell
600 Federal Place, Room 136-C
Louisville, Ky 40202

Rep. Hal Rogers
216 Poplar Avenue
Somerset, Ky 42501
Rep. Carl C. Perkins
P.O. Box 127
Ashland, Ky 41105
Rep. Carroll Hubbard
P.O. Box 1457
Henderson, Ky 42420

Ambassador's Message for the New Year

As we enter the Jewish New Year, we reflect upon the two events in the life of our nation that will have a profound bearing upon our future: the peace process and mass immigration to Israel.

We are proceeding along a path that we hope will lead to peace with our Arab neighbors and coexistence with the Palestinian Arabs. This has been our dream from the very inception of the State when our Founding Fathers extended the hand of peace to the peoples of the region.

The current peace process is the result of the initiative presented by the Government of Israel in its May, 1989 Peace Plan and in talks with the U.S. Secretary of State in the wake of the Gulf War. Israel and the United States share a common goal of peace, as well as the responsibility for leading the present efforts.

No doubt we will encounter difficulties along this path. But if the Arab states believe, as we do, that the future lies in ever-increasing cooperation between the nations of the world then the chances for a resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict are very good indeed.

The historic challenge of immigration from the Soviet Union continues to play a dominant role in our daily lives. In the space of a single U.S. presidential term, we are expecting a more than 20% increase in our population.

We have a duty to ensure that the newcomers from the Soviet Union, as well as from Ethiopia and other countries, will be successfully absorbed. Most importantly, we must provide them with jobs that best suit their skills and talents. We are mobilizing the resources of the nation and adapting reforms in the economy in a grand effort to make this massive undertaking possible.

We hope and pray that we will meet the challenges that face us and that the New Year will bring peace to our region.

Zalman Shoval
Israeli Ambassador to the U.S.

News from Camp Shalom !

CKJF is now accepting Employment Applications

for Summer 1992 (June 9 - 26)

Positions Available:

Camp Director
Assistant Camp Director
Head Counselor
3 Senior Counselors
3 Junior Junior Counselors
3 Counselors in Training (CIT's)

For Job Description Information,
please contact CKJF at 252-7600,
or Jessica Ross (Chair, Camp Shalom
Committee) at 273-4231

Send resume to CKJF office:
333 Waller Avenue, Suite 5
Lexington, Kentucky 40504-2901

Workshop on Spirituality

A workshop will be held exploring interest
in music, study, prayer, meditation,
mitzvot, and special women's issues.

The workshop will be held Sunday,
November 17, from 7 until 9 pm,
at Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court
For information, please contact
Steve Caller at 266-1314

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Sharyn Sharer, Program Coordinator
Becca Hamrin, Office Manager
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St. Louis Jewish Community Centers
Association presents its

8th Annual Nationwide Jewish Singles Supercruise!

February 9 - February 16, 1992

Set Sail on Royal Caribbean's 'Song of
America' as we head to the ports of:

Playa Del Carmen Cozumel
George Town Ocho Rios
Labadee

Prices \$1595 to \$1695
based on double occupancy
prices include all meals, activities,
port taxes and gratuities

Memphis Jewish Singles Present a Winter Weekend Bash

January 17 - 20, 1992

Stay at the Omni Hotel, Memphis
There will be fabulous food, parties,
seminars, sports, and great entertainment!

Over 200 Singles expected to attend from
the Southeast and Southwest.

December Missions

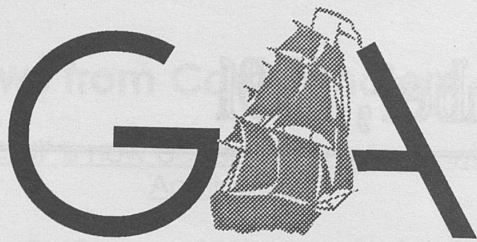
Dec 22-Jan 1, '92
National Winter Family Mission
Dec 23-Jan 2, '92
Winter Student Leadership Mission
Dec 25-Jan 2, '92
Winter Student Outreach Mission

Contact Steve Caller
at 266-1314

For information on any of the activities
listed here, contact Becca at the CKJF
office: 252-7622, 252-7600

October - November, 1991

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 CKJF Pre-School Party 3:30 - 5 pm	14	15	16 Institute for Christian Clergy ----- CKJF Past Presidents Meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22 Hadassah Donor Phonathan	23 CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 pm	24 TAI Sisterhood Newcomers Night 7 pm	25	26 Bat Mitzvah Kimberlie Weinberg OZS
27 B'nai B'rith Meeting 7:30 pm OZS	28 Super Sunday Meeting 8 pm CKJF office	29	30	31	1 NOVEMBER, 1991	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Mark Hoffman Bar Mitzvah OZS
10 TAI Book Fair 9:30 am - 12:30 pm	11 Hadassah Major Gifts	12	13	14	15	16
17 OZS Adult Education Workshop on Spirituality 7-9 pm	18	19 General Assembly of Council of Jewish Federations begins in Baltimore	20 TAI and OZS Joint Sisterhood Meeting 6:30 pm at TAI	21	22	23
24 General Assembly Ends	25	26	27	28	29	30 OZS Kiddush Luncheon following services at OZS in honor of Krislov/ Sheon marriage



COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
BALTIMORE 1991
NOVEMBER 19 - 24

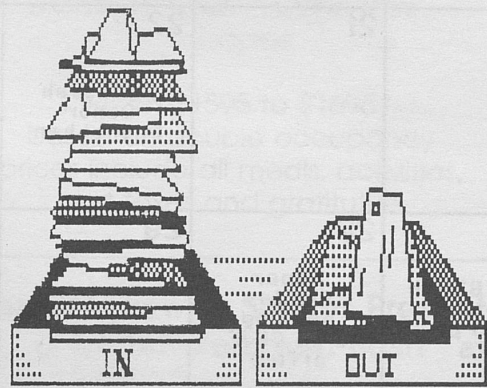
'Strengthening One Another'

The 1991 CJF General Assembly will be held in Baltimore from Tuesday, November 19 through Sunday, November 24. It will be organized around major issues reflecting the GA's theme: 'Be Strong, Be Strong and Let Us Strengthen Each Other.'

Speakers will include Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Israel, and Rabbi David Hartman of Israel.

Volunteers Needed

The CKJF office is seeking volunteers to assist in preparing items for mailing, filing, copying documents and typing. If interested, please contact Becca at the CKJF office: 252-7600 \ 252-7622. Your assistance is appreciated



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