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Letter From Israel Tells of Soviet "Twin"

Dear Daniel,

My name is Nechama Joshua and I am a member of Kibbutz Yovne and a friend of your relative Mordecai Chayot. I was privileged to take a trip to the Soviet Union in February-March. While there I met many amazing-devoted-brave Refusenik families. Among the families that I met was the Rosenstein family. When I returned to Yovne, Mordecai mentioned your twin bar mitzvah and showed me the lovely article from the Lexington Herald. I would therefore like to tell you a little more about Ephraim. He is a lovely boy -- tall, handsome with blonde hair and blue eyes. As you know his father lost his important Mathematics position and spends his time now learning and organizing study groups. Natasha, Ephraim's mother, works part-time as a hospital orderly in order not to be arrested for not working. They live in extreme poverty -- hoping every day the permission to go to Israel will be granted. There is very little kosher food in Moscow and therefore Natasha makes her own cheese -- they eat almost no meat since they have to wait in line 5-8 hours to buy kosher meat in the synagogue. Ephraim speaks Hebrew very well. He learns once a week for 4-5 hours straight in his house with a group of six people. He will soon have to teach beginners while he is learning. That's the way so many learn quickly in Russia. Ephraim did tell us about his bar mitzvah. They had prayers in the smaller synagogue in Moscow and a lot of their friends came. The KGB of course was upset with so much Jewish activity and took note of who was there -- for possible further interrogation. Despite the fact that the KGB follows the whole Rosenstein family, they do not limit their Jewish activities. Grisha R. -- the father, has even written a book - "I Believe." Ephraim has a grandmother who lives in Jerusalem. I went to visit her when I returned. She was let out of Russia, but she had to leave her only relatives in the world behind -- Ephraim, his brother and parents. She is Natasha's mother and they have little contact because the KGB takes most of the letters that are written. One more thing -- although they are so poor, when we left, Ephraim went to his old toy collection and chose a toy to send to my children, and Natasha bought them a train set.

Daniel -- be proud of your twinning. I hope you meet some day in Israel.

Sincerely Nechama Joshua

LETTER FROM ISRAEL REINFORCES TWINNING EXPERIENCE

The letter on page one describes more effectively than any publicity release, the ongoing agony of Jewish Refuseniks in the Soviet Union.

For Daniel Baer, his parents Charlotte and Mike, and his sister Naomi, this letter from an Israeli friend made the plight of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah "twin" much more meaningful and personal. The Baer family has been deeply disappointed that they have received no direct communication from Ephraim Rosenstein or his family. One can only speculate on the measures taken by Soviet authorities to prevent any such communication from taking place.

The Baers were most pleased, however, by the support given by Congressman Larry Hopkins and Senator Walter Huddleston who wrote to Russia on behalf of the Rosenstein family. Our national representatives certainly deserve our thanks for their support.

If any Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidates and their families are interested in "twinning" with a Russian child, the Community Relations Committee has information on how to make appropriate contacts, arrangements, etc. Call David Wekstein, CRC Chairperson at 269-4454 for details.



Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Ohavay Zion Synagogue Sisterhood, Temple Adath Israel, Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood, Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood Mitzvah Corps and Young Judaea for giving us a truly memorable experience.

CELEBRATION ★ 35 was a resounding success!! Approximately 150 people joined together for this festive celebration on the 35th anniversary of Israel's Independence.

We sang with Carol Reiman and were entertained by a multi-media presentation from the Sabra Dancers. And the food was out of this world!!

Many thanks for the hard work and many hours put in by Levy Rabinowitz and his committee: Ruth and Ben Baker, Bruce Belin, Evelyn Geller, Ken Germain, Tracey LaSalle, Mike Lerner, Monroe Moosnick, Lore Pappas, Sharyn Sharer, Carole Wilson and David Wilson; and to the members of Adath Israel Youth Group, B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Hillel, Lexington Havurah,

CKJA BUDGET ALLOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

Under the CKJA constitution 70 percent of all funds received which have not been designated for a specific purpose (such as Project Renewal) must be forwarded to UJA for allocation. A portion of the remaining funds are required for operating expenses and to conduct CKJA projects such as the Forum series, Camp Shalom and the Israel Independence Day celebration.

At the end of each year some funds received by CKJA remain unexpended. The process of allocating these funds begins with a request to the rabbis and to the CKJA membership for recommendations. The Budget Committee then meets. (The present Budget Committee consists of Evelyn Geller, Monroe Moosnick, Marty Barr, Rob Rosenstein, and Ben Baker, and is chaired by Alvin Goldman.) Its members review a set of guidelines adopted by CKJA in 1978 and examine the requests for funds received from various charities over the past year, the recommendations received from the rabbis and the membership, and the pattern of allocations in recent years. Included in the information reviewed by the committee are letters and brochures from the various charities as well as reports prepared on behalf of the Council of Jewish Federations.

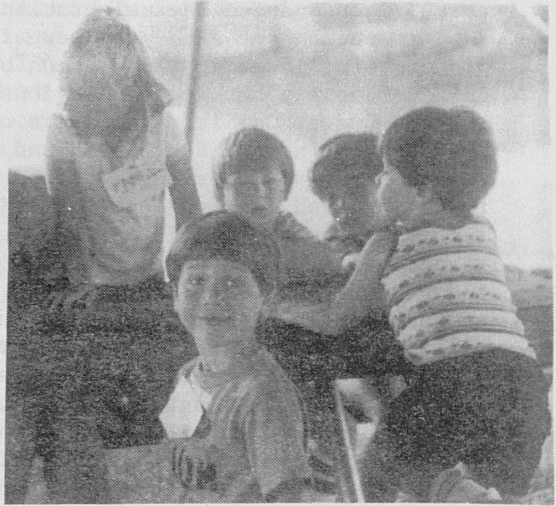
In 1983 the information concerning charitable requests reviewed by the committee filled a carton which was about a foot and a half deep. After thorough discussion at two lengthy meetings, the committee prepared a schedule reflecting its consensus concerning a proposed allocation of funds "to other charities". The Board, in turn, reviewed and discussed this schedule in detail, made adjustments and finally adopted the schedule of allocations listed below.

Describing the annual process of allocating funds to other charities, Alvin Goldman points out that "each year the meeting at which the allocation is determined is one of the Board's longer and more intense sessions. The Board and Budget Committee members are conscious of the fact that they are exercising a trust bestowed by our community of contributors. It is a serious and difficult responsibility and it is treated accordingly. We have different sets of charitable priorities and different experiences with or impressions of various charitable organizations. At times these meetings get emotional, throughout they are thoughtful, and in the end we are tired but know that we have done our best."

Al Tidom Association, Inc. - \$200
American Friends of Jerusalem
Mental Health Center - \$100
American Gathering of Jewish
Holocaust Survivors - \$300
American Israel Public Affairs
Committee (AIPAC) - \$500
American Jewish Archives - \$500
American Jewish Committee - \$500
American Jewish Congress - \$500
American ORT Federation - \$1100
Anna Frank Haven - \$4000
Anti-Defamation League of
B'nai B'rith - \$5500
Assn. of Americans and Canadians
in Israel Scholarship Fund - \$250
Ben Gurion University of the
Negev - \$3250
Brisk Yeshiva - \$300
Camp Young Judaea - \$2500
Community Hospice of Lexington - \$500
Dropsie College - \$250
FCI - Jewish Prisoners - \$250

Goldman Union Camp Institute - \$2500
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) - \$500
Hebrew Theological College - \$550
Jewish Chautauqua Society - \$550
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc. - \$250
Jewish Theological Seminary of
America - \$250
Jewish Welfare Board - \$600
Joint Cultural Appeal - \$300
Kibbutz Ketura - \$500
Leo Baeck School - \$500
Lexington Public Library - \$350
National Conference of Christians
and Jews - \$500
National Jewish Community Relations
Advisory Council (NJCRAC) - \$1000
National Tay Sachs & Allied Diseases
Assn., Inc. - \$200
Hospitals in Northern Israel (Rambam &
Sfad) - \$1250
Resource of Social Ministries - \$400
Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust
Studies - \$200
Synagogue Council of America - \$500

CKJA.... FROM THE SMALLEST



■■■■ TO THE TALLEST



Reports from the Field

From the time it was founded in 1914 to the present, the Joint Distribution Committee has served as the philanthropic arm of the American Jewish Community, providing life-saving and life-sustaining programs and services for Jewish communities in every corner of the earth. The number of people aided during the past 70 years reaches into the millions. There has been a JDC presence at one time or another in over 70 countries.

A single criterion has guided the JDC through the years: *Jews in need should be helped and should be helped to live as Jews.* The scenes have changed and the needs have changed and JDC has changed with the changing needs. Thus, in the period following the Holocaust the major need was for basic relief first and then rehabilitation and education. In East European countries today, where there are many elderly, the need is for life-maintaining programs. In Western Europe and North Africa, with many young people, the emphasis is on education. In Israel JDC programs have an impact on almost every aspect of life, helping the physically, mentally and socially handicapped.

Since 1939 the bulk of JDC's income has come from the campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal.

Following are excerpts from the most recent JDC "Reports from the Field."

From Yugoslavia "The current Jewish population of Yugoslavia is approximately 6,000. Half live in the three larger communities (Belgrade, Zagreb and Sarajevo). The rest live in some 30 smaller communities. About 60% is over 60 years of age. Jewish leaders (here) are an impressive group, mostly former partisans who today are either retired from or continue to be engaged in (national) life. A serious concern regarding future leadership, however, is the almost total absence of Jewish population between the ages of 40 and 60. The camp at Pirovac is probably the most vital program operating in the country, and is of importance for the continued survival and support of Jewish communal life."

From Argentina "JDC's work with the *Vaad Hachinuch* (Educational Council) is expanding to 12 schools, and the professionals assigned are also helping the schools meet the economic challenge. The *Vaad Hachinuch* recommended that the schools charge the same tuition as last year. As a result, there is a higher registration and great enthusiasm, but the tremendous economic difficulties remain."

From Morocco Note: There are now only 18,000 Jews remaining in Morocco, out of a population that numbered 300,000 thirty years ago. The decline has reduced the number of qualified people in Jewish communal service. "During the past year, three (kindergarten) teachers in Casablanca left the program. None of the new teachers can begin to take the place of the experienced individuals who have left. It is this pattern which is disturbing, for there is now no real cadre of trained teachers remaining, and a minority of women now teaching are the last of the group trained by JDC in the 1960's."

From France "In 1980 JDC agreed to share (with the *Fonds Social Juif Unifié*, France's Central Social Welfare Agency) in the cost of a (three-year) manpower development program. The focus of the training of the first two classes was for work in the FSJU and its subvented agencies; the emphasis of the current class is on fund raising. In the ... (current) class of 11 trainees/interns, the average age is 31. Their professional backgrounds include experience in business, medicine and teaching. The *Appel Juif Unifié*, France's National Jewish Appeal, will hire all the current interns when they graduate. (This is part of an effort to increase the number of donors to the French Campaign from the current total of 30,000)"

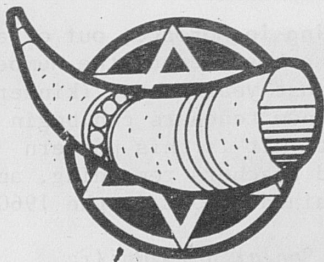
Admoni's visit kicks off Project Renewal campaign

Yechiel Admoni, the immediate past Director General of Project Renewal for the Jewish Agency in Israel, visited Louisville in May. On the evening of May 24, Admoni addressed a group of Project Renewal supporters at the home of Marion and Charles Weisberg.

Admoni is responsible for bringing the concept of Project Renewal from infancy to its current status of an international model of community development. He spoke to the local Renewal supporters on the challenges of Louisville and Lexington's partnership with Netanya-Selah as well as the impact that Project Renewal has had on Israeli politics and society.

"There has been a tremendous positive change in the Sela neighborhood's outlook since Louisville and Lexington 'adopted' the neighborhood," he said. Already there have been impressive improvements in the neighborhood of Selah as a result of Project Renewal. A number of projects have been completed including a park and playground, a parent-child enrichment center for early childhood, a soccer and basketball court and a Senior Center. The government of Israel matches the funds raised by Louisville and Lexington's Renewal and uses them primarily for housing rehabilitation. The Louisville and Lexington communities have transmitted over \$200,000 to Selah.

Ten groups from Kentucky have visited Selah and have helped plan the expenditure of funds and coordinate new projects and programs. Many of these projects require only creative thinking and the gift of time. MOST, however, require money. Kentucky made a pledge for \$480,000, and thus far only \$200,000 has been collected. Let's get going and deliver what we have promised.



The High Holy Days are early this year. We take this opportunity to list the places for formal worship:

Temple Adath Israel (Liberal)
124 N. Ashland Avenue
William Leffler, Rabbi
266-3251

Congregation Ohavay Zion (Traditional-Conservative)
120 W. Maxwell
Bernard Schwab, Rabbi
252-3103

Lexington Havurah (Conservative)
Location of Services to be announced
Fred Lowenstein, President - 268-2374
Kenneth Germain, Membership - 269-1116

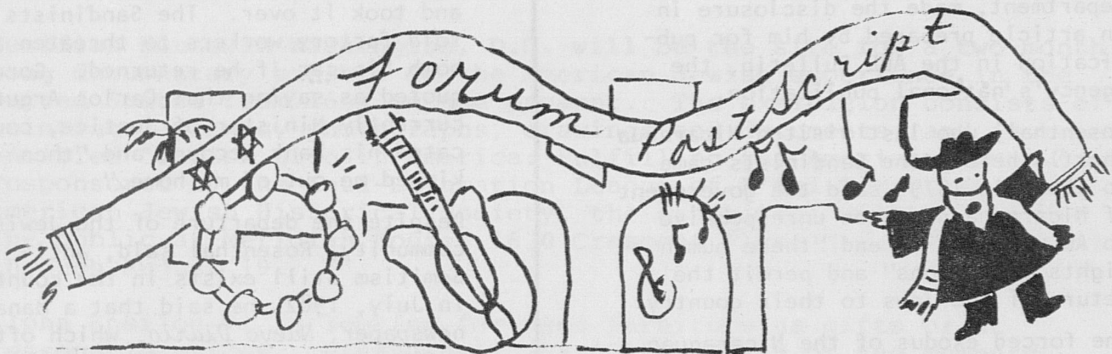
Rosh Hashonah: September 8-9
Yom Kippur: September 17
(Kol Nidre: September 16, evening)
Sukkot: September 22-29
Simchat Torah: September 30

FOR
YOUR
INFORMATION

CKJA, which seeks to represent and serve the entire Jewish community, is governed by a Board of Directors elected each December. Each member of the Board serves on at least one major committee, designed to carry out the key responsibilities of the organization.

Since taking office, CKJA President Jack Miller has appointed several new Committee Chairpersons. Following is a complete list:

Budget Committee: Alvin Goldman	Executive Committee: Jack Miller
Campaign Committee: Gloria Katz	Interact: Sheila DeKosky
Community Activities Committee: Ken Germain	Joe Rosenberg
Community Relations Committee: David Wekstein	Ricki Rosenberg
Co-Chairman, Charlotte Baer	Social Services Committee: Nat Sandler



Following is a list of books recommended by Rabbi Moshe Shur for those interested in further information on Kabbalism and other topics he discussed during the Shabbaton in April.

Meditation and The Bible, Aryeh Kaplan, Weiser Press
Meditation and Kaballah, Aryeh Kaplan, Weiser Press
The Torah (a translation), Aryeh Kaplan, Maznaim Press
Jewish Mystical Testimonies, Louis Jacobs
13 Pedaled Roze, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz
Introduction to The Talmud, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz
Souls on Fire, Elie Weisel
To Pray as Jews, Rabbi Donin

Thank you to all who supported and helped with the successful 1982-83 Forum Series! Judy Baumann, Forum Chairperson, is always on the lookout for new program offerings. Ideas? Contact her at 223-1299.

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IN THE NEWS

Nicaragua Forces Jews Into Exile

New York (JTA) -- The Sandinist government of Nicaragua has forced the country's entire Jewish community into exile, confiscating Jewish-owned property and taking over the synagogue in Managua, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of the ADL's Latin American Affairs Department, made the disclosure in an article prepared by him for publication in the ADL Bulletin, the agency's national publication.

Rosenthal, who last visited Nicaragua shortly before the Sandinists came to power in 1979, said the government of Nicaragua has been unresponsive to ADL appeals to end "these human rights violations" and permit the return of the Jews to their country.

The forced exodus of the Nicaraguan Jewish community -- numbering about 50 -- took place after the Somoza regime was overthrown. Their ouster was effected, the article said, by subtle and direct threats or by forcible measures.

The case of Isaac Stavisky, a textile engineer, who was out of the country at the time of the Sandinist victory, was cited as an example. Stavisky, the article

said, was advised that he should not return to his country "for his own safety, because he and his brother-in-law were considered enemies of the revolution."

The president of the Nicaraguan Jewish community, Abraham Gorn, was jailed after the Sandinist victory. "Gorn," Rosenthal wrote, "who was then 70 years old, was falsely accused of stealing land and was forced to sweep streets during the two weeks of his confinement."

Six months later, he went on, Sandinists summarily ousted him from his factory and took it over. The Sandinists told factory workers to threaten to bomb his car if he returned. Gorn was quoted as saying that Carlos Arguello, currently Minister of Justice, confiscated his bank account and "then kicked me out of my home."

Despite the departure of the Jewish community, Rosenthal said, anti-Semitism still exists in the country. In July, 1982, he said that a Managua newspaper, *Nuevo Diario*, which often reflects government policy, published articles that were filled with virulent anti-Semitic statements such as a reference to "synagogues of Satan."

The Sandinists have also converted the synagogue in Managua into a children's social club, covering exterior Stars of David with propaganda posters and adorning the inside walls with anti-Zionist propaganda.

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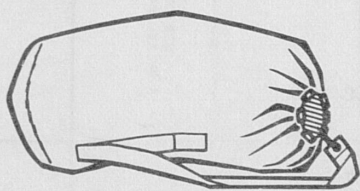
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Empire Kosher Foods, Inc., has available a 20-page recipe booklet, "Kitchen Nice Kosher Recipes from Empire." For a free copy, write to Empire Kosher Foods, Inc., Recipe Book, P.O. Box 165, Mifflintown, PA., 17059. Individual requests will be honored while supplies last. Group requests will also be considered.

LARGE-PRINT BOOKS Two of the country's book publishers are now making large-print editions available direct to the public. G.K. Hall and Company and Thorndike Press offer bestsellers, mysteries, romances, westerns, biographies and general fiction. G.K. Hall also offers reference books. These are not book clubs; there is no obligation to buy a specific number of books. To get on their mailing lists, write to G.K. Hall & Company at 70 Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111. Thorndike Press is located at One Mile Road, Thorndike, Maine 04986.

Meridian House in Washington, D.C. will be the site for a two-month long documentary exhibit on the American Jewish experience in the United States from 1654 to the present. The exhibition consists of paintings, prints, photographs, drawings and documents, and is entitled "Jewish Life in America: Fulfilling the American Dream." Cosponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Historical Society, the exhibition will be open to the public at Meridian House, 1630 Crescent Place N.W., from June 13 through August 19.

Alpha Epsilon Pi is looking for used furniture as gifts or at reasonable prices. Please call 258-6000 and any of the members will be happy to respond to your offer.



We want to send the CKJA Bulletin to out-of-town college students. Please call the CKJA office, 277-8048, with correct addresses.



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Many thanks to KET for giving us the use of Telephones and Watts Line on Super Sunday!!

Dee Peretz and Bert Peretz request the honor of your presence
when their son

Michael David Peretz

will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, June 25, 1983 at 10:00 a.m.

at Ohavay Zion Synagogue

Reception following services



Barbara and Chuck Gorodetzky invite you
to worship with them at the Bar Mitzvah of their son

Ted Gorodetzky

Saturday evening, August 20, 1983 at 7:30 p.m.

at Temple Adath Israel

Reception immediately following the service at their home,

2084 Harmony Court



Alice and David Weinberg cordially invite you
to worship with them


at the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

Carrie-Elizabeth Weinberg

Friday, August 26, 1983 at 8:00 p.m.

at Ohavay Zion Synagogue

Please also join in the celebration Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m.
at Spring Lake Country Club, Sandersville Road, Lexington, Kentucky
(right next to Hillenmeyers)

June	26	27	28	29	30	July	1	2
				CRC Meeting - 8 pm Charlotte Baer's				
3	 INDEPENDENCE DAY	4	5	6	7	8	9	
		8 pm TAI Board Mtng. OZS Board Mtng.						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
			12:30 Hadassah Book Helen Levy's 8 pm CKJA Bd. Mtng. OZS					
31	August	1	2	3	4	5	6	
		8 pm TAI Board Mtng. OZS Board Mtng.						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
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						Ted Gorodetzky Bar Mitzvah TAI		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
			8 pm CKJA Bd. Mtng.			Carrie-Elizabeth Weinberg Bat Mitzvah OZS		

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Singles Sun & Fun



ATLANTA JCC BLUE JEANS WEEKEND August 26, 27 & 28. Approximately 200 participants from many states join in this weekend of boating, skiing, games, Shabbat services, sports, entertainment and kosher meals at the Community Center's camp in the mountains of north Georgia. Cost will be around \$100 per person, and there will be a discount for registration before July 26th. For more information, please contact Patsy Goldberg at the Atlanta JCC, 1745 Peachtree Road, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309.

NORFOLK VIRGINIA SUN & FUN WEEKEND August 26-28. Join Jewish Singles from N.C., VA., MD. and D.C. at the Grand Cavalier Hotel on Virginia Beach. Cost is \$115 per person which includes Friday night dinner, Oneg Shabbat, Saturday night dance, Sunday brunch, tennis court, indoor pool, outdoor pool, taxes & gratuities, Sabbath services. Deadline for registration is July 1. For reservations call Temple Israel, Norfolk at (804)489-4550.

