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A FIRST HAND REPORT ON SENATOR HUDDLESTON'S ISRAEL TRIP BY SUSAN CALLER

Visiting Prime Minister Begin and watching Israeli soldiers mobilize for their invasion into Lebanon are not often in trips to Israel. But for Steve and me, and Vivian and David Weil, it was part of our package.

Steve and I and the Weils left for Israel May 31st with Senator Walter "Dee" Huddleston. The purpose of the trip was to show the Senator Israel. Roshann Parris, the Senator's legislative assistant, and Marcia and Lloyd Schuster of Louisville also accompanied the Lexingtonians.

Traveling with a U.S. Senator has its advantages. For example, after disembarking from our private airport transport bus, we were whisked through customs without any obligatory questions or searches. This is a luxury reserved for only a few.

Another advantage is the important personalities met while travelling with a U.S. Senator. After arriving in Jerusalem, our party had breakfast with the U.S. Ambassador, Sam Lewis. Ambassador Lewis has a great love for Israel and the Israelis feel very good about him. Our group also met with the Israeli Foreign Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, who described how unhappy the Israelis were to give back the Sinai.

On Tuesday, June 1, we met with Prime Minister Begin in his Knesset office. He was very pleasant, in a jovial mood, and was happy that the Senator had chosen to visit Israel.

Other highlights of the trip included a tank demonstration, a night on a Kibbutz, visiting the "Good Fence" on the Lebanese border, and a visit to the Knesset while it was in session. We were wined and dined elegantly and entertained by Israeli friends in their homes. Yitzhak Rabin was at one party.

A visit to Natanyah-Selah, Kentucky's twinned Project Renewal neighborhood was very productive. The people of Selah are enthused about the progress that is taking place. Steve and I could see a tremendous improvement since our visit last year. The apartment buildings are being enlarged and a park is under construction.

The trip to Israel was congenial, informative, and very exciting. Our group felt safe, in spite of the fighting and feel strongly that tourists should not be deterred from visiting Israel at this time.

Natanya-Seleh

UPDATE ON PROJECT RENEWAL

In last month's newsletter report on Project Renewal we listed all of the projects that were proposed to the Lexington/Louisville delegation when they met with the residents of Netanya/Selah in March.

Obviously not all of these projects can or will be funded. Since the delegation's return, the joint steering committee for Project Renewal has met and agreed to fund several of the proposed projects.

Two of the projects that have been approved are:

1) A Neighborhood Park (Projected budget - \$166,000)*. The park is a cornerstone project for Project Renewal and Selah. It is designed to separate the neighborhood from its longest border, the major Tel Aviv-Haifa Highway. The park will provide a central meeting place, a basketball and soccer court with night lighting, and, perhaps most importantly, will be landscaped by the first "work group" of young adults who are neighborhood residents trained by the Ministry of Labor and undertaking their first professional assignment. The park will also include a greenhouse which will be run by a second work group and will provide a connection between the park and the neighborhood elementary school grounds.

2) Expansion of the Mother/Child Neighborhood Health Center (Projected budget - \$30,000)*. The partnership between Israel and the U.S. and the leverage that our involvement brings, is demonstrated by this project which is based upon the municipality renovating the existing structure and Kentucky funds being used to expand and furnish this preventative health center. Currently residents have to walk a half an hour to receive preventative health care. Community health education is also part and parcel of this project.

* Budget figures are subject to change by action of the local neighborhood steering committee.

Additional projects will be described in subsequent issues of our newsletter, but for those of you who would like to know more about Project Renewal now, please contact Arthur Salomon or Ellie Goldman, co-chairmen for Project Renewal.

There are specific projects that can be earmarked as memorials or tributes to individuals or organizations.

If you have not already done so, please consider a pledge to Renewal now of at least the equivalent of your 1982 pledge to the regular campaign. Your Project Renewal pledges are payable over a five year period.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT:

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith

- * Combats and counteracts all manifestations of anti-Semitism
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- * Overcomes public indifference and insensitivity to vital Jewish interests and concerns
- * Improves interfaith and interracial relations
- * Defends the rights of Jews overseas, in the Soviet Union, Latin America and wherever else they may be endangered
- * Opposes discrimination and "reverse" discrimination in employment and school enrollment
- * Advances equal rights for all persons

Our community supported Anti-Defamation League with \$7,000.00 in 1981.



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BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE A PINT?

The local B'nai Brith chapter maintains the E. Meyers memorial Blood Bank. Any Jew in need of blood at any of the local hospitals can draw against this reserve.

As you all know, blood doesn't grow on trees - so B'nai Brith has DONOR DAYS to keep the supply of blood ready should anyone (God Forbid) need it. You are just the type they are looking for. Call Rick Arenstein 233-1717, for particulars.

The Blood Bank, Hillel Foundation and Anti Defamation League are all sponsored by B'nai Brith Chapter. We are most fortunate to have such an active chapter in Central Kentucky.



Donate Blood

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Do you know of any college students who will be in the Lexington Area come school year 1982-83? Through Hillel Foundation they can find camaraderie in a Jewish atmosphere, home hospitality if they so desire, a stimulating season of educational programming and fun, meeting with other Jewish students.

B'nai Brith Advisor for Hillel is Leon Cooper. Call Leon if you want to know more about Hillel.

(P.S. Did you know that Anita Weinberger Mersack and Ira Mersack met through Hillel while both were students at U.K.?)

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rosh Hashana falls this year on September 18 and 19.

Yom Kippur is observed on September 27th.

Worship services are held at:

Congregation Ohavay Zion (Traditional)
120 W. Maxwell Street
Bernard Schwab, Rabbi

Temple Adath Israel (Reform)
124 N. Ashland Avenue
William J. Leffler, Rabbi

Lexington Havura (Conservative)
c/o Ken Germain, President
3410 Pepperhill Road
Location of services to be announced.

All three would welcome you as members, or guests through prior arrangement.
For schedule particulars please call the offices of the Temple or Synagogue
and for the Havura call 269-1116.

FRIED IS THE NAME

Hi everybody, this is Phyllis. My apologies to Bobbi FRIED. Those of you who know her and have worked with her know her last name - those of you who don't know her - get involved! Bobbi FRIED is everywhere and you will bump into her frequently - community service is her game.