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**"A DECADE OF LIVING:
THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES"**

Our theme for this year's CKJF-UJA Super Sunday reflects both our accomplishments over the past ten years as well as the need to continue our commitment. All of you are aware of the tremendous challenge of the resettlement in Israel of the many thousands of Jews from the former Soviet Republics and Ethiopia. In addition, CKJF is on the front line of resettling new Americans here in Lexington.

You can be proud of the many accomplishments made possible by your generous donations in past years.

Our needs, and therefore, our goals, are still increasing. You can help reach these goals in two ways.

First, be generous with your contribution to this year's campaign. Second, join us on Sunday, March 8th, at the Lexington Chamber of Commerce, at the largest one-day fund-raising event for the Central Kentucky Jewish community.

Please sign up to volunteer your time by returning the volunteer form in this bulletin or by calling the CKJF office 252-7622 or 252-7600.

LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM FOR FEDERATIONS

Council of Jewish Federations ("CJF"), the association of approximately 200 U.S. community federations of which Central Kentucky Jewish Federation ("CKJF") is a member, has proposed a Loan Guarantee Program for immigrants arriving in Israel after April 1, 1991. Most of these immigrants are from the Republics that formerly composed the Soviet Union. The loans are available to immigrants for food, clothing, shelter and other necessities, will not exceed \$1,250.00 per family member, and are scheduled for repayment with interest over a five to ten year period. Each loan will be co-signed by the borrower's spouse, if any, and will also be guaranteed by two individuals. No loans will be made after September 30, 1997.

\$900 million will be made available for loans by participating Israeli banks directly to the immigrants. In order to induce the Israeli banks to make the loans, CJF and member federations in the United States and in other nations will guarantee the payment of the loans under specific conditions in the event of non-payment by the borrowers and individual guarantors. A reserve fund of \$200 million will be established that would be the first source of payment for any defaulted loans.

As a member federation, CKJF's fair share portion of the loan guarantee is \$240,564.00, or 0.032% of the total amount guaranteed by all U.S. community federations. This amount, plus interest, would be the maximum amount payable by CKJF under the loan guarantee program if maximum losses were incurred and the full guarantee was required to be paid by CKJF. The guarantee by CKJF represents our "fair share" of the total guaranteed by all U.S. federations based on the size of our Jewish community and the amount raised in our campaigns in recent years compared to other U.S. federations.

The loan guarantee program will not require any direct payments by CKJF in the near future, but could become a liability of CKJF in the future if a substantial amount of immigrant loans have not been repaid by the borrowers and their individual guarantors and the loan reserve funds are exhausted.

In prior years similar loan programs for Israeli immigrants have resulted in a very high percentage of loan repayments by the borrowers. If this experience is repeated, then CKJF will have no liability on its guarantee.

This Loan Guarantee Program is in addition to the ongoing Operation Exodus Campaign and other sources for resettlement costs borne privately and by the Government of Israel. This request of loan guarantees from the Jewish Federations is also independent of the loan guarantees being requested of the U.S. Government by Israel.

The CKJF Board has discussed our participation in the Loan Guarantee Program at two meetings and will again discuss it and vote on our participation at the CKJF monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday night, February 26, 1992. The meeting will be held at the CKJF office, Suite 5, 333 Waller Avenue and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the Loan Guarantee Program and the proposed participation of CKJF, please contact any Board member or the CKJF office 252-7622 or 252-7600.

Documents are available at the CKJF office about the Program for anyone interested.

Because of the tremendous importance of assisting immigrants to Israel and the unique aspects of the Loan Guarantee Program, particularly involving the guarantees by CKJF and other community federations, the CKJF Board believes it important to provide this information to all members. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and voice your opinions to the Board in advance of or at the February 26, 1992 CKJF Board meeting at which the Board anticipates taking final action as to whether CKJF will participate in the Loan Guarantee Program.

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

*National Writing Contest on the
Holocaust*

*Sponsored by the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum.*

*SUBJECT: What are the lessons of the Holocaust for
Americans?*

*FORMAT: Open: Nonfiction, Fiction, Poetry,
Drama*

*ELIGIBILITY: Open to all students, grades 7 and
8 (Division I); grades 9-12 (Division II)*

*DEADLINE: Entry must be postmarked no later
than March 2, 1992*

*Awards in each division will be announced by May
1, 1992. For guidelines, contact CKJF office at 252-
7622 or 252-7600.*

Gyorgy Kadar Exhibit

The University of Kentucky, along with Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, will co-sponsor an exhibit of Gyorgy Kadar, April 5th through May 17th at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts. This exhibit is the Vanderbilt Holocaust Art Collection, "Gyorgy Kadar: Survivor of Death, Witness to Life," and consists of 57 drawings by Hungarian Holocaust survivor Gyorgy Kadar. The works were completed in just eight months following the artist's liberation from the death camp at Buchenwald in 1945.

The works depict the horror that Kadar himself witnessed during his incarceration in five camps.

Watch future Bulletins for announcements associated with this important event.

"LIVE FROM OZS, IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT"

*Personal Services Auction
at Ohavay Zion, March 14, 1992*

*Cocktail Parties are breaking out
all over town (with special
gathering for singles) prior to a
Personal Services Auction
and a party time
starting at 9:00 p.m. at OZS*

*A casual evening of fun and
surprises*

*For more info call Andrea Doren
223-3017*

**CAMPERSHIPS AND
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

*Based on need, camperships are available from CKJF to
community children who wish to attend a non-profit Jewish
camp. All application information is kept strictly
confidential.*

*CKJF also has scholarships (not based on need)
available to students wishing to study/travel in Israel.*

*Scholarships (not based on need) are also
available for Anytown, a one week summer leadership
program of the National Conference of Christians and
Jews for junior and senior high school students.*

*For additional information about these
camperships and scholarships, contact the CKJF office
252-7622 or 252-7600.*

Deadline for applications is March 15, 1992.

*Camperships and scholarships are made possible through
your contributions to the CKJF/UJA campaign.*

Martin Luther King Rally

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation had a representative group of about 25 "Freedom Marchers" at the Martin Luther King rally on January 20th. Rabbi Eric Slaton made an inspiring invocation.

Martin Luther King did much to help combat anti-Israel propaganda. Then days before he was murdered, at the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, Dr. King said:

"Peace for Israel means security, and we must stand with all our might to protect its right to exist, its territorial integrity and its right to use whatever sea lanes it needs. Israel is one of the great outposts of democracy in the world, and a marvelous example of what can be done, how desert land can be transformed into an oasis of Brotherhood and Democracy. Peace for Israel means security, and that security must be a reality."

Dr. King also spoke out for Soviet Jews. In a letter to the "New York Times", King wrote:

"The struggle of the Negro people for freedom is inextricably intertwined with the universal struggle of all people to be free from discrimination and oppression. In the name of humanity, I urge that the Soviet government end all the discriminatory measures against the Jewish community."

And he strongly supported Israel during the Six-Day War, while many clergymen were silent.



UK Multicultural Day

Central Kentucky Jewish Federation and Hillel are sponsoring a booth at the University of Kentucky Multicultural Diversity Day, February 25th from 11:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. and on the 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The first day will be primarily for UK students and the second day will be for Fayette County students. It is a festive and educational time, and we welcome your involvement.

Anyone who would like to assist at the booth and anyone who has any interesting Jewish ceremonial (menorah, dreidial shofar) or cultural objects to loan for display at the booth, please contact Sharyn Sharer at 252-7600 or 252-7622.

**"A DECADE OF GIVING;
CONTINUE THE CHALLENGE"**

SUPER SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1992



For the tenth consecutive year, the Central Kentucky Jewish community joins Jews in communities around the nation in holding a day-long, fund raising phonathon. A major objective this year is to enlighten the Jewish community about the diversity of recipients who benefit from your contribution to the campaign.

When you help "Continue the Challenge", you strengthen the quality of life for the people of Israel; sustain Jewish life throughout the world; and build communal life for the Central Kentucky Jewish community.

Money raised on Super Sunday helps provide opportunities for Jews locally, overseas and in Israel. Your dollars support numerous programs in Central Kentucky, which provide educational community services to everyone from Jewish youth to Jewish elderly:

- \$25 - pays a month's rent for an elderly Jewish couple in Sousse, Tunisia
- \$40 - helps send a child to Camp Shalom
- \$200 - provides 100 meals at Community Kitchen
- \$300 - provides a month's care in a hostel for an elderly immigrant to Israel
- \$800 - provides annual funds for Central Kentucky's Transient Relief fund
- \$2000 - subsidizes as many as five young people to Jewish summer camps associated with the Lexington Jewish community
- \$4800 - provides a year of learning and working on a kibbutz to a new immigrant family

Many members of the Central Kentucky Jewish community are already involved in this effort and have volunteered their time to coordinate key functions in this campaign. You can join your friends in this important effort. Remember "Continue The Challenge."

Please contact the CKJF office (252-7622 or 252-7600) or complete and mail the following form to the CKJF office, 333 Waller Avenue, Suite 5, Lexington, KY. 40504.

Name	Phone Number	Assignment Choice		Indicate 1st & 2nd Choice			
		Phone	Non-Phoner	9-12	11-2	5-8	Other

Hold those Empty Walls!

The Hadassah Art Auction
is on the way.

To be presented:
Sunday, March 22, 1992
at Temple Adath Israel

Featuring local Jewish and Kentucky
Artists

Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Sander

*Our daughter, Lauren Sander
will be called to the Torah as a Bat
Mitzvah*

*Friday, March 6, 1992, at 8:00 p.m.
at TAI*

*We invite you to worship with us on this joyous
occasion and to be our guest for an Oneg Shabbat
following services.*

*An open house will be held in Lauren's honor at
our home, 3514 Kedgewick Court on Saturday,
March 7th, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

Jerry and Karen Sander



Mazel Tov

*NCCJ welcomes to its Board, new member,
Cheri Rose. Co-chairpersons of the NCCJ
Board are Bob Cohen, Simone Salomon,
and George Zack.*

*Sue Ezrine is the new coordinator for the
Green Circle program of NCCJ.*

*Sue has assumed the Duties of
Scheduling Green Circle classes in the
Fayette County schools, as well as teaching
them.*

**BIRENBAUM AND BABBAGES RECEIVE
NCCJ Brotherhood/Sisterhood
Awards**

Mary Birenbaum and Laura and Bob Babbage
are this years recipients of the NCCJ
Brotherhood/Sisterhood Awards.

Mary Birenbaum believes that the cure
for prejudice is education. Through her
numerous activities, from Girl Scouts to being
a prison chaplain, she educates, helping
people of different races and religions
understand each other.

Mary is an active member of Temple
Adath Israel, Hadassah and other Jewish
organizations, and remains an active and
supportive alumna of Earlham College. Mary
also has been a member of a local Catholic-
Jewish dialogue group for 15 years.

Laura and Bob Babbage live lives
woven of love- for each other, for their
children, and for humanity. For altruism in
their professional and private lives, they will
be two of the recipients for the Awards.

Bob is Kentucky's new Secretary of
State. Laura is chief executive officer of
Lexington's Urgent Treatment Centers.

NCCJ Banquet March 5

The 1992 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Awards Banquet will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 5 at the Marriott in Lexington. Tickets are \$65.00 each. Reservations can be made by calling NCCJ, 277-4434.

*"SADIE HAWKSTEIN"
DANCE*

*It's your call gals, ya' know what that means.
On February 29th, it's "Sadie Hawkstein!"
So grab that guy, and make the move
It's dinner and danc'n, you're in the groove,
Daisy "Meir" and Little "Abie"
Invite you to join them, so please be brave.
Ask those guys and join the fun,
On February 29th, he'll be on the run.
We'll start at seven and go real late,
Ya'all come now and participate!*

*Dinner & Dancing, Service Auction
Cash Bar*

*Temple Adath Israel
124 North Ashland Avenue 7:00 p.m.*

"Hillbilly" clothes, be comfortable!

*RSVP by February 14th to TAI
269-2979 or Ruth Baker 278-4038*

*Portion of Proceeds benefit Temple Religious
School. Sponsored by Temple Adath Israel
Sisterhood.*

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**Dr. Michael Morgan To Be TAI Scholar
In Residence**

TAI Adult Education presents Dr. Michael Morgan, a professor of Psychology and Jewish studies at Indiana University as this year's Scholar In Residence, March 20-22.

Dr. Morgan has achieved National acclaim as an author, teacher, and lecturer. His forthcoming book, "Horror and the Mind's Limit : An Anthology of Philosophy, Christian Theology, and Jewish Thought after the Holocaust" will be a fascinating look at the impact of the Holocaust on contemporary theology and thinking. He has been a faculty member at IU since 1975.

Dr. Morgan will give 3 lectures at TAI. The first during Erev Shabbat Services on Friday, March 20th, 8:00 p.m. on Jewish Thought and the Holocaust: Before and After the Six Day War. The second, an informal lecture/discussion during a pot luck lunch on March 21st, 11:30 a.m., where his topic will be The Jewish Thought of Emil Fackenheim. The third lecture will be Sunday, March 22nd, 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. on The New Dilemma of Liberal Judaism.

TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL SPRING FLING

Spring Fling, the March 28 fund raiser for Temple Adath Israel, includes a Reverse Raffle for a \$4,000.00 cash prize. The dinner and dance begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple on North Ashland Avenue. Auction items and door prizes are included. Co-Chairpersons for the event are Ruth Baker and Jeff Heller. The tax deductible tickets are \$50.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple. For ticket information, contact Ben Baker 278-4038 or Al Kaplan 223-2846.

UJA NATIONAL MISSIONS CALENDAR

MARCH 23-30	<i>Midwest Discovery Mission</i>
JUNE 15-25	<i>National Summer Family I Mission</i>
JUNE 22- JULY 2	<i>National Summer Family II Mission</i>
JULY 5-16	<i>National Summer Singles I Mission</i>
JULY 13-23	<i>National Summer Family III Mission</i>
JULY 26 - AUGUST 6	<i>National Summer Singles II Mission</i>
AUGUST 10-20	<i>National Summer Family IV Mission</i>
DEC 24 - JAN 33, 1993	<i>Winter Family Mission</i>

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asked!**



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IS ALL ABOUT AT OUR
OPEN HOUSE/MEMBERSHIP TEA

7:30 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
AT THE HOME OF JANICE NEWMAN
4501 KENIL CT.

THERE'LL BE
DOOR PRIZES, REFRESHMENTS, ENTERTAINMENT
AND MORE!!

NEED MORE DETAILS? CALL
KATHVE SCHATTFNER 224-3288

CKJF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 4 OZS and TAI Board Meetings
- 5 Hadassah General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Hadassah Board Meeting
- 13 Hadassah Women's Discussion Group 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Havurah Retreat 9:30 - 3:00
- 18 TAI Sisterhood Eve at 6:30 p.m.
- 19 OZS Sisterhood Game Night 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Hadassah Newcomers Tea 7:30 p.m.
- 26 CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 29 TAI Donor Affair 6:15 p.m.
Sadie Hawkstein Night

MARCH

- 1 TAI Brotherhood/Sisterhood Program 10:00 a.m.
- 3 OZS and TAI Board Meetings
- 4 Hadassah General Meeting
- 5 NCCJ Banquet
- 6 Lauren Sander Bat Mitzvah - TAI
- 8 CKJF Super Sunday
- 10 Hadassah Board Meeting
- 14 OZS - "Live From OZS, It's Saturday Night"
- 18 Havurah Purim Celebration 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Hadassah Art Auction - TAI
- 25 CKJF Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

CKJF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 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*

OFFICE APOLOGIZES FOR INCONVENIENCE

The CKJF office has undergone some dramatic changes this year. We have a new computer and data system and had seen a turnover of office managers. This has resulted in some difficulties throughout the year. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this has caused anyone. We are working very hard to correct any inaccuracies that may have occurred. Your patience, understanding, and continued support are greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Linda Ravvin, Executive Director

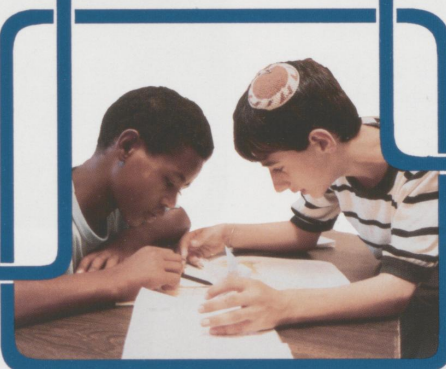
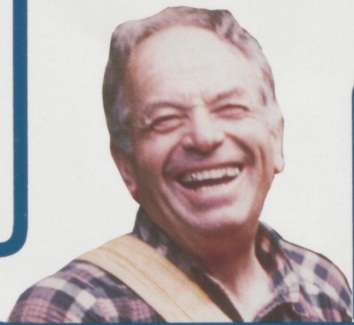


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The Challenge Continues



THE CASE FOR GIVING TO THE 1992 UJA/FEDERATION CAMPAIGN

The current increased *aliyah* represents a historic opportunity for Israel and the Jewish people. The resettlement in freedom of hundreds of thousands of Soviet and rescued Ethiopian Jews under the **Operation Exodus Campaign** will create a stronger, healthier Jewish State. Meanwhile, the **1992 UJA/Federation Regular Campaign** provides the essential resources to meet the needs of these *olim* that lie beyond the scope of the Exodus Campaign, as well as the needs of other immigrants and hundreds of thousands of other Israelis. Moreover, the Regular Campaign plays a crucial role in meeting these continuing challenges:

- ▶ building the Jewish homeland for Israelis and Jews everywhere, and...
- ▶ sustaining and nurturing Jewish life in Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and around the world.

THE CHALLENGE IN ISRAEL

Coming Home

In war and peace, immigrants have continued to stream into Israel. In the first six months of 1991 and in all of 1990, Israel welcomed with open arms 271,894 Soviet olim and 23,058 Ethiopian Jews, in addition to thousands of immigrants from other countries. **By the end of 1994, more than one million Jews, mostly from the U.S.S.R., will have made aliyah.** We must help place in those welcoming Israeli arms the tools with which to bring the newcomers into the mainstream of Israeli society.

▶ This year, 170,000 Soviet Jews, as well as 26,000 immigrants from other countries, including approximately 19,000 from Ethiopia, are expected to settle in Israel.

▶ \$366 million—approximately 60 percent of the Jewish Agency's total budget—is for all immigration and absorption.

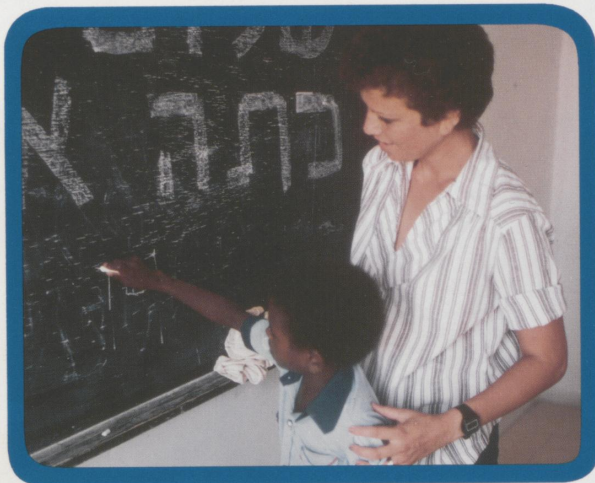


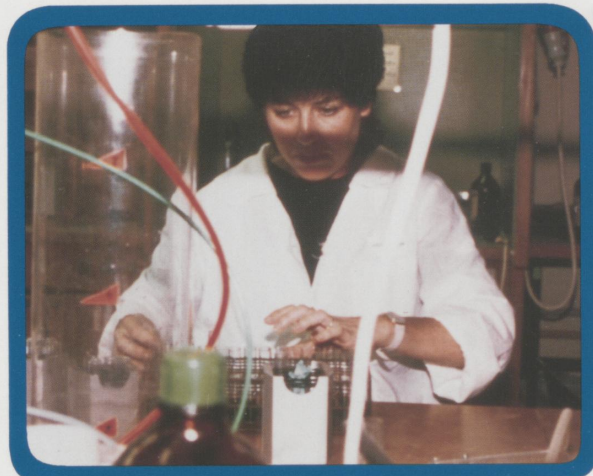
Photo: Richard Lobell

Learning the *alef-bet* at an Operation Exodus-supported absorption center.

▶ **Operation Exodus** funds are in action before, during and after Soviet Jewish immigration: In the U.S.S.R., they support Jewish Agency efforts in *aliyah* promotion and preparation. The funds pay for transportation to Israel. They sustain the initial services these olim receive upon arrival—including 92 municipally based programs for social and cultural absorption—and provide salary subsidies to encourage the hiring of Soviet scientists and artists.

▶ Meanwhile, funds raised by **the 1992 Regular Campaign** provide the resources that ensure the successful absorption of Soviet, Ethiopian and other immigrants from countries of distress.

NOTE: Information herein is current as of July 1, 1991. All Jewish Agency dollar amounts stated are based on the Agency's current budget, which covers a period of nine months (through the end of 1991). On January 1, 1992, the Agency's fiscal year will convert to a calendar (12-month) year in coordination with a similar change by the Israeli Government.



A Soviet Jewish scientist researching for Israel's tomorrow.

▶ Expanded programs of *kibbutz* language classes, allowing young adults to work while learning Hebrew, and scholarships for higher education help new immigrants.

▶ The budget includes \$7.5 million for programs in "Operation Opportunity," to utilize the resources of Soviet olim as the basis for economic growth and development through innovative initiatives that, for example, assist the start-up of new enterprises and provide loan funds for small businesses.

▶ The absorption of Ethiopian olim—including comprehensive social services and absorption centers (\$40.8 million is earmarked for the operation of 40 new absorption centers for Ethiopians who arrived in the May 1991 airlift)—will account for more than 40 percent of the Agency's regular immigration and absorption budget.



Photo: Richard Lobell

Healthy rural settlements play an important role in absorbing new immigrants.

Investing in Tomorrow's Generation

- ▶ Youth Aliyah's \$56.1 million budget is a reduction from last year's allocation. As a result, only 14,000 places are available for the 1991-92 school year.
- ▶ Because of Youth Aliyah's new emphasis on the needs of young immigrants, thousands of others from the country's most deprived families must be turned away.
- ▶ Special remedial programs have been established to integrate *olim* into the regular school system within two years.
- ▶ Psychological and social services are geared to the special problems of immigrant and educationally deprived youth.

- ▶ The Renewal and Development Department's budget targets \$5.9 million for economic and educational development in the Negev and Galilee. It allocates \$2.4 million to improve science education—to prepare students for employment—and provides for management training.
- ▶ The department's \$1.4 million for leadership development is helping to maintain the achievements of Project Renewal.

Funding for Change

- ▶ Some \$4.5 million has been budgeted for grants to assist innovative programs building democratic and pluralistic values. Such projects have a positive impact on Israeli society



Photo: Jewish Agency

COMING HOME: *olim* from Ethiopia and the Soviet Union, Ben-Gurion Airport, 1991.

Building and Renewing the Nation

- ▶ To successfully absorb newcomers, economic expansion is crucial, but funds for Israel's economic and social development are being stretched to the limit.
- ▶ The current massive *aliyah* is producing demographic changes in Project Renewal neighborhoods and development towns in the Negev and Galilee that have increased the importance of comprehensive rehabilitation programs in these areas.
- ▶ Rural settlements are important in absorbing new immigrants. However, the nearly \$37.5 million budgeted for rural development will provide only bare-bones support for *kibbutzim* and *moshavim*. Limited resources mean that Jewish Agency-funded agricultural and industrial expansion must wait.
- ▶ The Rural Development Department's budget includes almost \$2 million for projects in the Negev and Arava ranging from water desalination to mango production to fish farming.

by actively promoting civil rights, equality of the sexes, religious tolerance and ethnic understanding.

JDC-Israel

Nearly all of the many programs of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in Israel help the country cope with the massive numbers of immigrants. By shifting funds and making painful cuts in other program areas in midyear, JDC was able to add \$3 million to its 1990 Israel budget, while its 40-nation 1991 global budget of \$62.4 million includes almost \$21.8 million for JDC's current programs in Israel.

- ▶ JDC-Israel works with the Jewish Agency, government ministries and local authorities to implement activities for *olim*, concentrating on job training and placement, and on the increased demand for care of the immigrant elderly and handicapped. In addition, it promotes the newcomers' social absorption through community center-based support groups and educational activities.



Photo: Gerald S. Nagel

The JDC-assisted Cantorial Choir in Moscow...

- ▶ JDC-Israel devised a variety of retraining, on-the-job training and placement programs for the *olim*, in partnership with various industries, the Israel Manufacturers Association and the Israel Chamber of Commerce. Special assistance is given to those who wish to start their own businesses.
- ▶ JDC-Israel has designed a variety of programs to advance the absorption of the earlier Ethiopian immigrants and to assist the most recent arrivals.
- ▶ JDC-Israel is working to expand and improve services for the elderly and handicapped in Israeli society at large.
- ▶ JDC-Israel has developed new training programs for young Israelis on the margins of society and has embarked on a new initiative to help meet the special needs of the 100,000 children aged 14 and under who are "at risk" because of family disruptions.



Photo: Jewish Agency

Youth Aliyah: helping young people build a brighter future.

THE CHALLENGE IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION

- ▶ JDC'S top priority is maintaining its commitment to aging Holocaust survivors: poor and infirm Jews who have been especially hard hit by Eastern Europe's disastrous economic conditions and have nobody—and nothing—else to fall back on. But as costs rise and impoverishment increases in Eastern Europe, JDC's effort to ensure that no Jew goes to sleep hungry or without adequate shelter has placed added strain on its financial resources.
- ▶ As a result, JDC has been forced to scale back plans and reduce funding for other regional programs, including some it has worked for years to help establish. This is particularly unfortunate at a time when increasing numbers of Eastern European Jews are attempting to rediscover their Jewish heritage and reaffirm their Jewish identity through the variety of Jewish educational and cultural activities for all ages that JDC helped to nurture.



Photo: JDC

....and a JDC-sponsored Succoth celebration in Kharkov: sustaining Jewish life in the Soviet Union.

- ▶ Meanwhile, JDC continues to pursue new openings in Eastern Europe as they arise. For example, last fall, it resumed operations in Bulgaria after nearly 40 years and it also opened an office in Budapest.
- ▶ The Jewish Agency has also established its presence in Eastern Europe, through offices in Bucharest and four other capitals. Among other activities, its personnel serve as teachers and cultural coordinators, assist Zionist youth movements, run Israel-oriented programming in schools and communities, assist employees of the *aliyah* transit stations and furnish programming and Israeli counselors for a JDC-sponsored summer camp in Hungary.

▶ Both the Jewish Agency and JDC continue to move quickly to make the most of new opportunities in the Soviet Union. On a budget of \$2.7 million, 40 Agency emissaries are working in 48 localities to promote *aliyah* and prepare potential *olim*: providing information to overcome years of distorted propaganda about Israel; teaching Hebrew and training Hebrew teachers; and presenting immigration information and seminars to help potential *olim* plan their *aliyah*.

▶ JDC has opened an office in Moscow, has a representative in Odessa and plans a presence in additional cities.

▶ JDC's successful holiday programs have evolved into seminars on Jewish life: 52 public seders were held this year in 28 cities, and 94,000 Soviet Jews in 30 cities and "massive crowds" in Moscow took part in last fall's activities, which included 3,000 *bar* and *bat mitzvah* celebrations.

THE CHALLENGE IN OTHER LANDS

The emergency relief effort mounted by JDC in Addis Ababa this past year that sustained 24,000 Ethiopian Jews, and the additional resources directed to absorption efforts in Israel and to programs in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union forced JDC to selectively cut program budgets elsewhere or keep them at previous levels. All but emergency repairs at various facilities have been deferred and many country budgets have been left with little or no funds to cover unexpected contingencies. Nevertheless...

▶ JDC continues to assist Jews who remain in Ethiopia and maintains non-sectarian programs in Gondar that facilitate its operation in that country.



Photo: Gerald S. Nagel

Class at a Jewish school in Kiev, U.S.S.R.



Photo: Robert A. Cumins

Children of *olim* at Mevasseret Zion Absorption Center.

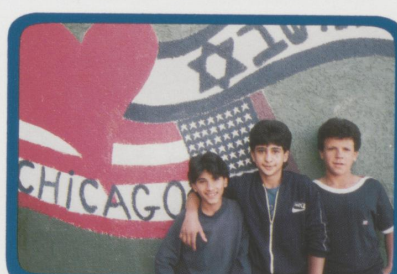


Photo: Robert A. Cumins

Residents of Amishav, a Project Renewal neighborhood in Petach Tikva.

▶ JDC sends thousands of pieces of religious and cultural material into the Soviet Union each year. It has begun to transform many of the 100 Judaica libraries it has established throughout the country into community centers for young and old, with newly prepared resource material, like a JDC-sponsored Russian-language edition of the Israeli version of *Sesame Street*, that will give thousands of Jewish children a taste of Israeli life.

▶ In cooperation with the Open University of Israel, JDC has developed a variety of courses in Jewish studies to be offered through the Open University of Russia, to help educate potential communal workers as well as those planning to make *aliyah*.

▶ JDC's cantorial training academy, its support for Rabbi Steinsaltz's Judaic Studies Center and for hundreds of Hebrew classes and educational and cultural activities, and its new training programs for community workers are aimed at ensuring that the remaining Jewish population can live Jewish lives.

▶ In India and the Moslem countries of North Africa and the Middle East, JDC continues to help dwindling Jewish communities carry on essential services—primarily, relief and shelter for infirm and impoverished Jews.

▶ In Latin America, JDC works to strengthen communal structures and encourage self-sufficiency.

CORE OF THE CAMPAIGN CHALLENGE

Jewish Agency

1991 Budget (All programs)	\$615 million
UJA Contribution	\$340 million

Approximately 60 percent of the Jewish Agency's nine-months' budget of \$615 million—including Operation Exodus—is earmarked for immigration and absorption (\$366-



Creating agricultural miracles in the desert.



Photo: Richard Lobell

Project Renewal = rehabilitated urban areas = improved quality of life.

million). The federation-guaranteed loan program will cover the Agency's portion of the "basket of services" that Soviet *olim* receive for their first-year necessities. Thus, by repaying these loans, the immigrants will help pay for their own absorption.

Nevertheless, Exodus dollars are required to prepare the huge numbers of additional newcomers for *aliyah*, transport them and their belongings to Israel, and then introduce them into the absorption process.

Because so much is allocated to immigration and absorption, areas such as Youth Aliyah, Jewish education and Project Renewal could suffer.

In the coming year, approximately 600,000 Israelis will depend on UJA/federation fund raising. Our dollars make the difference.

Beyond the regular and special campaigns, UJA's Israel Education Fund (IEF) provides for Israel's future with the construction of educational facilities, now numbering 732.

All campaign funds for the Jewish Agency are transmitted from UJA to the United Israel Appeal (UIA).

JDC

1991 JDC Budget	\$62.4 million
From UJA	\$55.4 million

As of December 31, 1991, JDC will have a projected accumulated deficit of \$19.6 million, as it continues to meet increased needs in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, and the needs of *olim*.

NYANA

In 1991, the New York Association for New Americans, Inc., a major Jewish resettlement organization, expects to resettle 20,000 newcomers, most of them from the Soviet Union—the largest number since World War II.

UJA funding for NYANA is determined by UIA and JDC.

CASH IS URGENTLY NEEDED!



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