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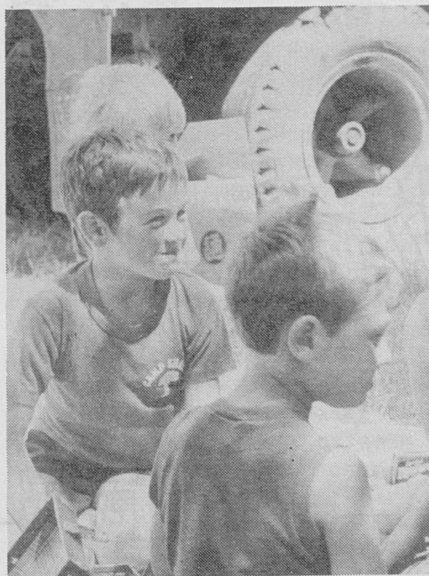
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CAMP SHALOM

Camp Shalom has been a great success. Forty-four campers, along with Director Mark Scarr, Assistant Director Elise Mandel and counselors Toby Stein, Kelly Jo Waterbury-Eichhorn, Rebecca Mersack, Josh Cantor, and Naomi and Laurie Clewett, enjoyed a delightful three weeks of activities under the Bluegrass sun (and sometimes clouds).

They also made field trips to Raven Run, The Bagel Factory, Woodland Park, and the Planetarium in Berea, to name a few.



Almost 1000 Visit Israel on UJA Missions
in First Quarter of 1987;
\$2.4 Million Raised for UJA/Community Campaigns

New York, NY, April 24, 1987 -- The United Jewish Appeal's Missions Department has taken almost 1,000 Jewish community leaders to Israel on 20 customized trips in the first three months of 1987. The participants, caucusing at the end of each Mission, raised \$2.4 million to support humanitarian programs and social services for Jews at home, in Israel and in 33 countries around the world. Based on UJA statistics, each participant on a UJA Mission increased his/her gift by a card-for-card average of 114 percent.

Federations which have had community and special group missions to Israel in the first quarter of this year included Atlanta, Boston (Physicians), Chicago (Physicians, Mature Singles), Cleveland (Leadership), MetroWest N.J. (Young Leadership), New York City (Women's Division, Wall Street, Westchester Country Club), Phoenix, and Pittsburgh (Future Leaders, Next Generation).

There were also UJA national Missions geared to specialized constituencies where participants came from all sections of the United States. These included Allocations, Geshet, Rabbinic Cabinet, Winter Singles and Young Leadership.

National Missions Chairman Victor Gelb of Cleveland hailed the substantial increase in 1987 UJA Missions. "Our trips," said Gelb, "are especially designed to provide a unique adventure to the land and people of Israel so that donors can see what their gifts have achieved. Going behind the scenes, and meeting the people who have shaped and shared Israel's history, creates an exciting experience that will always be remembered. I am extremely proud of what has been accomplished in the last three months and I look forward to achieving new heights in UJA Missions to Israel in 1987."

Additional information on UJA Missions to Israel may be obtained by calling CKJF Administrator Linda Ravvin or Alan Isaacs at 212-818-9100.

Speaking of Missions.....

UJA's National Women's Division Mission to Israel is set for October 28 through November 9, 1987. The Mission features a pre-Mission stop in Romania.

Cost: New York/Romania/Israel and return - \$2400 (\$400 single supplement); Israel only - \$1850 (\$250 single supplement). [No minimum pledge to the CKJF-UJA campaign is required.]

Enter the power centers of Israel, the institutions and programs to which the "tourist" has little or no access. Meet decision makers and government leadership as well as Israelis from every walk of life, arranged through visits to cities and towns, moshavim and kibbutzim, and Project Renewal neighborhoods. Begin with a visit to Romania and witness history and a vanishing culture of East European Jews.

Subsidies may be available through the Federation. For more information, contact CKJF Administrator Linda Ravvin today.



The Continuing Struggle of Soviet Jews

Aleksey Magarik

Prisoner of Conscience

Born: November 26, 1958

From: Moscow

Occupation: Cellist

Applied to Emigrate: 1983

Arrested: March 14, 1986

Tried: June 6-9, 1986

Charge: "Drug possession"

Sentence: Three years in a labor camp

Wife: Natasha Ratner

Rusakovskaya 27-88

Moscow 107113

RSFSR, USSR

Even before having applied for exit visas, Aleksey Magarik and his wife Natasha Ratner were well-known among Moscow refuseniks as Hebrew teachers. A cellist, Aleksey was unable to find professional work since their application in 1983. He participated in various Jewish musical groups, none of which were officially recognized, which specialize in Hassidic and modern Israeli songs.

In response to their request to be reunited with Aleksey's father and sister in Israel, they were told: "Your emigration from the USSR is not justified at the present time".

On March 14, 1986, Aleksey was at an airport in Tbilisi on his way home to Moscow. Upon searching one of his bags, the official found several pipes and began to question him about his smoking habits. His other bag, already on the aircraft, was recalled and searched. In it the authorities claimed to have found a cigarette pack containing four grams of hashish. Aleksey immediately declared he had never before seen the pack, but was nonetheless held in custody and charged with possession and trafficking in drugs. Searches were conducted in Aleksey's home and in the home of his mother. An old, empty plastic bag and a piece of newspaper were confiscated.

In a trial held on June 6-9, 1986, in Tbilisi, the judge said that since this was Magarik's first offense and that he was of "previous good character", he would give him "only three years in a labor camp". Aleksey tried to read a statement he had written in his own defense, but, after interrupting him repeatedly, the judge did not allow him to continue past the first part.

Aleksey maintains that he has been framed and slandered. As he attempted to state in his defense speech: "Citizen judges!...You have committed a judicial error. I will be given a maximum punishment for a crime I did not commit...I am innocent."

In April 1987, Natasha was informed that Aleksey's sentence had been cut in half and he would be released in September.

You can write Aleksey Magarik at:

Aleksey Magarik
P.O. Box OH 16/8
Omsk 644035
USSR

Action Requested:

Aleksey's father, Vladimir Magarik, who is now touring the United States on behalf of his son, has asked for a massive postcard campaign to win his son's earlier freedom and right to emigrate to Israel. In response, a campaign has been coordinated by the National Conference on Soviet Jews and the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews. Various Jewish groups are working in this campaign. A massive printing of postcards has been generously underwritten by a private donor, Ed Goldenberg of Philadelphia.

Although the CKJF office hasn't received these postcards, we do ask you to write your own, both to Aleksey in support and to Gorbachev in request of Aleksey's freedom.

An appropriate message to Gorbachev follows:

Secretary General Gorbachev:

Chaim Magarik, two-year-old son of Prisoner of Conscience Aleksey Magarik, has not seen his father in more than a year.

Although Aleksey's prison sentence has been reduced, he was arrested on trumped-up charges, and his incarceration is unjustified. Therefore, we demand his immediate release.

Until Aleksey, his wife and son are reunited with their family in Israel, we will campaign for their freedom.

WE SUPPORT THEIR STRUGGLE!

Please sign your postcards and include a return address. Address them to:

Mikhail Gorbachev
General Secretary of the Communist
Party
The Kremlin
Moscow 103132
RSFSR, USSR

86-87 Forum Comes to a Close With a Growing Audience

The efforts of this year's hard working Forum Committee were justly rewarded with a tremendous turnout for the final presentation -- a lecture by celebrated author Gloria Goldreich. This event, the second annual Elizabeth Rosenberg Memorial Program, capped an exciting year.

From sociologist Debra Dash Moore's lecture and dance troupe Reguesh's energetic performance, to Goldreich's lecture, all Forum events have drawn compliments and attracted an enthusiastic audience.

Forum Committee Chair Susan Cantor says, "We want to thank the entire community for their support. The committee was pleased with the excellent attendance at all three events, and because of this response, our efforts paid off." Invited to chair the committee again, Mrs. Cantor has agreed and is already exploring the interesting program possibilities.

The success of CKJF Forum Series events is due in large part to the volunteer efforts of members of the community. Your active participation is welcome in the areas of ticket sales, publicity, receptions and planning. Please contact Susan (269-9112) to volunteer your time and talents.

The 1986-87 CKJF Forum Series was made possible by community support of the annual CKJF-UJA fund raising campaign. An even better 1987-88 Series will be possible with your continued and increased support.

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Gloria Katz Honored at Forum Event

Gloria Katz, immediate past-president of CKJF, was formally applauded for her leadership in a presentation made at the June 7 Forum event. To commemorate her term as president, she was presented with a certificate from the Council of Jewish Federations as well as with the book Jewish Art in Civilization and an Israeli-made menorah, purchased by Gail Cohen, Marilyn Moosnick and Judy Saxe during their recent trip to Israel.



NEWCOMERS ALERT

CKJF Executive Committee members Ellie Goldman and Joe Rosenberg have agreed to chair the 1987 "Shalom Lexington" event. Held in September each year, "Shalom Lexington" welcomes newcomers to the Jewish community.

In preparation for the get-together, CKJF is seeking the names of newcomers to our Jewish community. If you know of anyone new, or anyone we might have overlooked, please call the office (252-7622) and help us make this fall event a success.

Editor's Note: The following stories are reprinted from the Jewish Observer (June 5, 1987), a publication of the Syracuse Jewish Federation.

The Jews in Romania Today

Bucharest, Romania -- David Moses Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Romania, is sitting in his Bucharest office, his face unlined and seamless: only the eyes portray his 76 years. Besides being the country's Chief Rabbi, he is a member of the Communist Party, and is also the man most responsible for helping 380,000 Jews emigrate to Israel. "We're Jews -- where else should we go?" he says, half-jokingly.

Before the Holocaust there were 800,000 Jews in Romania. Half survived. Today, fewer than 24,000 remain, and of those, more than 50 percent are over 65. Each year, close to 1,000 make aliyah (mostly the young, with university degrees), 500 die, and fewer than 70 are born. And although the end of Romanian Jewry is but a few decades away, the country's Communist government has allowed Rosen and his staff to set up one of the world's most extensive social-aid programs for those remaining. He did this with \$4.5 million a year raised by UJA/Federation Community Campaigns throughout America, and disbursed by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Twenty-ton trucks deliver kosher food packages eight times a year to 64 Jewish communities. Clothing, blankets, and shoes are sent twice annually; money is sent as needed. Eleven kosher restaurants feed 3,000 people a day. There are kosher butchers and in Bucharest, 700 hot meals are delivered daily. Synagogues are well-maintained.

Aside from free walk-in clinics, there are four old age homes, including the Rosen Nursing Home in Bucharest, a \$2.5 million showplace of medical technology built with American Jewish funds.

Rabbi Rosen makes frequent goodwill trips to America, visiting American-Jewish leaders and Washington policy makers. His grace and charm hide the fact that for much of his life, he nimbly stayed one step ahead of the Nazis, and in the early 1950s, two steps ahead of Romania's Stalinists.

As for anti-Semitism, at least in the old sense, Romania has moved on. The economy is currently suffering from a series of natural disasters and an over-long dependency on Stalinist-type heavy industries. With a whopping debt to the West, results fall heavily on the man in the street. Lines for bread, meat, and gasoline are extensive. Oil and sugar are rationed. A single 40-watt light bulb is allowed per room. There is high unemployment.

This has, in turn, translated into jealousy of the Jews of Romania, who are leaving the country at a steady clip, and are provided excellent medical care, not to mention inexpensive (or free) meals should they qualify. Romanian anti-Semitism today is best encapsulated by a sign outside of Rabbi Rosen's office. "We take no conversions to Judaism. It is pointless to ask."

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CJF Continues to Watch Jewish Agency Programs

The Council of Jewish Federation's board of directors recently passed several resolutions and recommendations to be forwarded to the Jewish Agency.

Affirming that "an effective budget requires a detailed, thorough and timely preparation" of all relevant financial information, the CJF urged timely distribution of data so that the allocations and decision-making bodies have ample time to become familiar with the budget items.

Disclosure on the implementation of the 1986 Jewish Agency resolutions was requested. CJF was particularly interested in the status of the studies and findings undertaken by the Jewish Agency with regard to the funding of non-Zionist and anti-Zionist institutions in Israel. CJF has also requested information on steps the Jewish Agency has taken to implement a "set of guidelines calling for equitable treatment of funding requests for programs from the various branches of Judaism."

In other recommendations, CJF upholds the role of United Israel Appeal to continue to "monitor and evaluate the programs, services and activities of the Jewish Agency."

Jewish Inmates Respond to Article

In response to our article in the previous CKJF Bulletin, "FCI Lexington Fills Religious Needs of Jewish Inmates", (Vol. X, No. 4), members of the FCI Jewish population wrote to CKJF and enclosed two in-house memos.

The Jewish inmates at FCI are a unique community with special needs. In order to inform you of these needs, we reprint parts of their correspondence to us here.

June 5, 1987

As the leaders of the Jewish inmates here at FCI, we were very pleased to see your recent article. We are a small but very active group that is doing our best to preserve and enhance our Jewish heritage and faith. Our religious leader is Rabbi Shalom Kalmanson.

In life it is a rare treat to meet a rabbi such as he, a teacher who is attuned to modern problems and to how these problems relate to Torah study.

The Rev. Dr. Schave is the staff advisor of our Jewish community, and he holds a weekly meeting with our Jewish Advisory Board. These meetings are held so that we can express our needs, and he guides us through the bureaucratic jungle so that we can best achieve fulfillment of our goals and needs in the most efficient manner.

We have currently undertaken the task of refurbishing and improving our Kosher kitchen. We have just received a new oven which was sorely needed (we're sure you'll agree it's a bit ironic for Jews to be seeking an oven). Now we are working on acquiring a mixer, a toaster, and a fryalator as we have none of this equipment available for our use.

Mary Birenbaum has been doing a great job as a volunteer. She makes our female congregants feel that they are still a part of Judaism and that somebody cares.

Our religious services shift slightly with the influx of congregants. One month we are more observant and lean toward the orthodox, and the next we may include more English in our observances. As Rabbi Kalmanson puts it, "It is not necessary to place a label on a group". We are religious Jews who care; we believe in G-d, Torah, and the Mitzvahs. We do not wish

to waste our time here and we appreciate the opportunity to learn and grow both culturally and religiously.

Our FCI Jewish community would certainly appreciate and could use your support. We would very much like to have active visitors. We would also like to have the opportunity to form an ORT or B'nai B'rith chapter, but this would require a fair amount of advice for us to proceed with such a plan.

We are drastically in need of good Jewish literature, books for study of Hebrew, Torah, and history, as well as tapes or records with either cantorial or Yiddish music.

In conclusion we can only add the following, that the FCI Jewish community has become an extremely functional and active group through the help and support of wonderful people such as you. We have grown from only a few men attending services to an active congregation that cares about our community. What was once only the dream of a couple of congregants has turned into an active, vital group that wishes to set an example for others to follow.

Once again, our sincere thanks for your kind concerns and generosity for our people here, and we will be highly appreciative of any efforts you might make on our behalf.

Yours truly,
The Chaplain's Committee (Jewish)
Marvin Glass, Irwin Holtzman, Anne Pollard, Alan Wolfe, Mark Weinstein, and Gerald Schall.

"The Mishbocha Yenta"
(an internal newsletter)

Class Reports: Rabbi Litwin's class can use some fresh blood and increased attendance. We need more participants to preserve our programs. Every week the current Torah section is discussed in an open forum.

Rabbi Kalmanson's class is doing well. We are discussing our current problems there and learning Torah and ethics. Last week we had questions from the general population. They were able to ask the Rabbi many questions about the Old Testament.

Inmates, continued

Services: Attendance at services has been fantastic, with minions present at each and every service. Al Marcovsky has continued to lead us as our Chazon, while Steve R. has taken over as our Reader, and Marvin G. as our Shamish. This will be Al's last weekend here at FCI, and we will all miss him dearly for all he has done to preserve and enhance our services with his beautiful voice and hamisha ways. Please plan to attend this Friday night as there will be an Oneg Shabbat celebration in his honor after services.

Shevuoth is this week, so don't forget to talk to Dr. Schave about being listed for the call-out to services, so you can attend. Remember, we will have a Yizkor service on Thursday morning.

June 19, 1987

Dear CKJF,

We never thought we would be writing to you so soon after our first letter. The congregants of the FCI-Lexington facility have a real problem this year concerning the High Holy Days.

This is our problem. We hope you have some suggestions for a solution. We need a rabbi for the High Holy Days. The chaplain's office said we could probably get one if Rabbi Kalmanson or Rabbi Litwin [Louisville Chabad House] could find a volunteer.

Our next problem would be how and where to house and feed a rabbi. If you or your readers have any ideas, please contact Rabbi Sholom Kalmanson in Cincinnati (513-821-5100) or Rabbi Litwin in Louisville.

We know the High Holy Days sound far off, but we really must resolve this problem. Rabbi Kalmanson and Rabbi Litwin could probably find a volunteer rabbi. Rabbi Litwin suggested that we might be able to find someone who could donate a Winnebago so he could stay on the grounds or just outside. If you have any other ideas or can help us, please contact either rabbi immediately.

Sincerely,
FCI Jewish Advisory Board

P.S. It should be further noted that the rabbi would have to be a volunteer, because Chaplain Schave says the Chapel Fund doesn't have enough money for this type of expense.

People In The News

Shari Winard, daughter of Dr. Sue Winard, took first place in the Central Kentucky Foreign Languages Festival in Spanish in April.

Josh Cantor, son of Susan and Austin Cantor, competed with 1180 Kentucky students and captured 6th in the state on the National Spanish Exam, Spanish I Section.

Daniel Baer, son of Charlotte and Mike Baer, has been awarded a scholarship from the Rotary Club.

Sara Mason, daughter of Susan and Manny Mason, received the Student of the Year award from Central Bank for Fayette County. A scholarship accompanied the award.

Editor's Note: The CKJF Bulletin would like to increase the scope of this monthly column, but we can't do that without your help. Please send your news to me at the CKJF office.

Please worship with us at the
Bat Mitzvah of our daughter

Lauren Cheryl

Saturday, August 22nd
at 10:00 a.m.
at Ohavay Zion Synagogue,
2048 Edgewater Court.

Kiddush Luncheon following Services.
Open House at 8:30 p.m.
at 685 Shasta Circle.

Judy and Bob Baumann

Lauren will share her Bat Mitzvah
with Geula Ghinis, Moscow, USSR

Editor's Note: The following is reprinted from the Near East Report (June 1, 1987).

What Kind of Allies?

Eleven Kuwaiti oil tankers are to be flying the American flag soon as they ply the waters of the Iraq-Iran war zone. If Iran is not deterred by the Stars and Stripes -- and it was not when its "students" seized the Tehran Embassy, when its surrogates blew up the Beirut Marine barracks or its devotees took hostages in Lebanon -- and it threatens one of these re-flagged tankers, U.S. Navy vessels presumably will steam to the rescue.

But they apparently will do so without American air cover, making them as vulnerable as the USS Stark. The Gulf is too small for aircraft carriers to operate in and maintain acceptable safety margins. So for the last decade Washington has tried, intermittently, to win the right to base American fighter planes and other forces in littoral countries. Those who have refused include Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Now, by bringing the Soviets into re-flag three tankers, the Kuwaitis smoothly availed themselves of U.S. protection as well, giving nothing in return. Next door, Saudi Arabia has received tens of billions of dollars worth of sophisticated U.S. weaponry in the past ten years to help "stabilize" the region. But the Saudis failed to force down the Iraqi plane which fired on the Stark. Facilities the United States operated at Dhahran, starting in World War II, have been off-limits as an American base for 25 years. In general, Saudi Arabia does little to help us patrol the Gulf.

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia make curious U.S. allies. While the former looks to the American flag -- and American GI's -- for protection, its news media continue virulently to attack this country, most recently accusing President Reagan of being responsible for the attack on the Stark because he "participated directly and indirectly in fomenting, escalating and continuing the [Iraq-Iran] war."

Saudi Arabia remains the most unreliable link in Washington's chain of "moderate" Arab states -- funding the PLO, refusing to assist Egypt to reenter inter-Arab politics, and warning Jordan

against direct peace talks with Israel. The American response? More arms sales, including the current proposal to sell another dozen F-15 fighters worth half-a-billion dollars.

Former U.S. Navy Secretary John Lehman recently estimated the Central Command -- which grew out of the Rapid Deployment Force -- to protect U.S. interests in the Gulf costs American taxpayers approximately \$40 billion annually. Yet to be credible, it needs land bases. However, of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) -- Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates -- only Oman allows the United States to use its bases.

Yes, GCC countries face danger from Iran. Yes, the United States has strong national security interests in the region. But it is Japan and the nations of Western Europe, with good-sized navies of their own -- not the United States -- which depend on Gulf oil. And no, the Saudis and Kuwaitis do not behave like American allies. Uncle Sam may be about to become a Persian Gulf patsy -- for friends, foes and frauds alike.

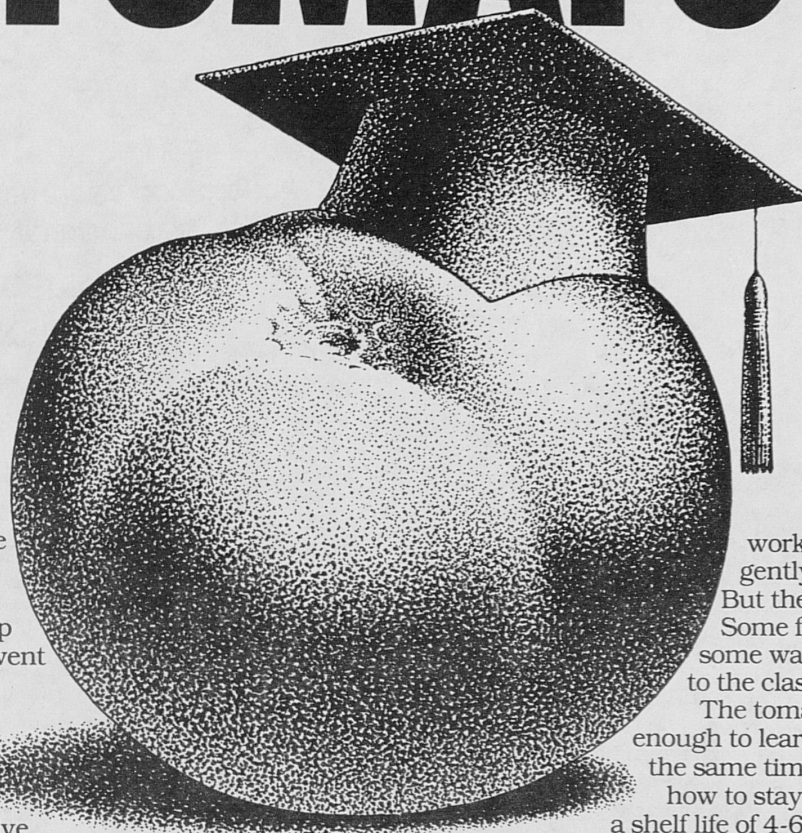
Editor's Note: The following is reprinted from Boycott Report: Developments and Trends Affecting the Arab Boycott and Arab Influence in the USA (May, 1987), a publication of the American Jewish Congress.

Fears About Arab Investment in U.S. Prove Groundless

The fears of the 1970's that Arab states would buy up key American companies with petrodollars and wield tremendous economic and political power in the U.S. have proved groundless. Foreign direct investment in the U.S., i.e., ownership of at least ten percent of the equity of a company, totaled \$183 billion in 1985. But the total direct investment of the 13 members of OPEC only accounted for \$4.6 billion, or 2.5 percent of all foreign direct investment. Of the \$4.6 billion, one country, Kuwait, accounted for 87 percent or \$4 billion of all OPEC direct American investment.

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PHI BETA TOMATO



You're looking at the best educated tomato in the world.

It's red, juicy, plump and delicious, and it went to school in Israel.

But most important, it's a tomato that the world is ripe for, thanks to innovative

Israeli technology and the unique programming of the Jewish Agency's Rural Settlement Department, funded by the United Jewish Appeal/Federation Campaign.

Why has it done so well? Firstly, with the aid of drip irrigation, it learned how to thrive in one of our planet's most inhospitable environments--the Negev desert.

And it learned fast... too fast. In fact, Israeli farmers couldn't keep up with the yield or the demand for these top-grade tomatoes. So they developed a special harvester, which picked the fruit faster than 24

workers and placed it gently in a bin.

But there was one problem. Some fruit was ripe and some wasn't. So it was back to the classroom.

The tomatoes were all smart enough to learn how to ripen at the same time. Plus they learned how to stay fresher longer, with a shelf life of 4-6 weeks, so people in

Israel and around the world could enjoy them longer.

Israel's tomatoes can certainly teach the world a thing or two.

By supporting Israel's Rural Settlement Program through the UJA/Federation Campaign, you are helping transform an arid desert into a miracle of fertility. A miracle that can act as a model for a world plagued by famine.

And that's something that we as Jews around the world can feel proud of.

Please give generously today.

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Camperships Awarded

The Social Services subcommittee on camperships recently announced five awards totaling over \$2,000. A limited number of camperships are awarded annually to assist Lexington youth in attending a Jewish summer camp.

This year two campers to Camp Young Judaea and three to Goldman Union Camp Institute received these grants.

Awards are made in consideration of total family income and of special circumstances. Each grant cannot exceed 50% of the total cost of the camp and transportation.

In addition, CKJF awarded a scholarship to Scott Graff to attend Anytown, USA. Anytown scholarships are not based on financial need.

The committee selecting campership candidates was chaired by Barbara Grossman and included Bobbie Shain and Merle Wekstein.

Arab Investment, continued

Kuwait, because of its tiny size, was unable to follow the Saudi Arabian example and spend its billions on internal development. Instead, Kuwait pursued what appeared to be a strictly commercial policy of investing where its return was highest and its risk lowest. The only major U.S. company purchased by Kuwait was Santa Fe International, an oil exploration enterprise. With the infusion of Kuwaiti capital, Santa Fe began to develop its oil lands more rapidly.

Saudi Arabia used the petrodollars it accumulated in excess of what was needed for its internal development to purchase U.S. Treasury securities and to keep its money on deposit in U.S. banks.