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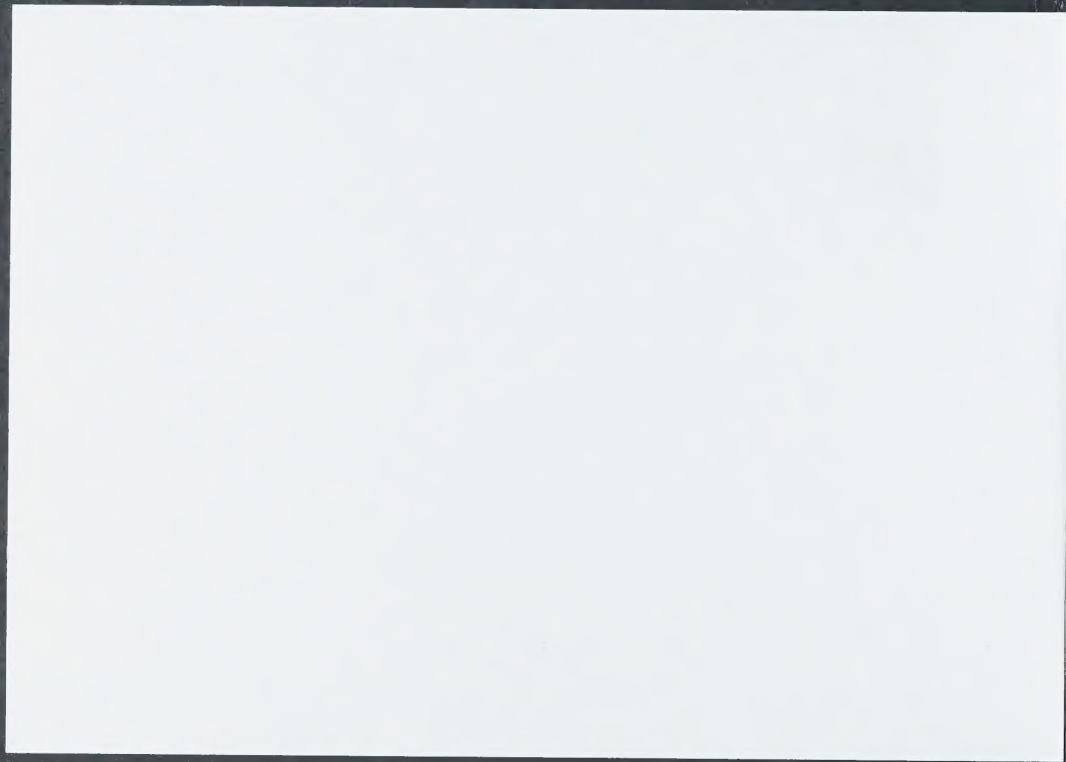
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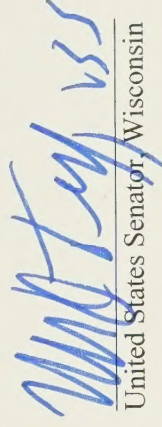
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2006 Centennial Human Relations Award**

May 30, 2006

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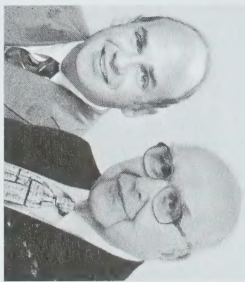
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*The Pfister Hotel • 6pm
Tuesday, May 30, 2006*



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cordially invites you to celebrate the

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with the presentation of the

CENTENNIAL HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

to

DR. ALFRED

and DANIEL BADER

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

The Pfister Hotel

6:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner

- Sponsor \$360 per couple
- Supporter \$500 per couple
- President's Council \$1,000 per couple
- Ambassador \$2,000 per couple
- Patron \$2,500 per table of eight
- Sustainer \$5,000 per table of eight
- Benefactor \$10,000 per table of eight

(contributions above the dinner cost of \$65 are tax deductible)

reply card enclosed

The favor of your reply is requested by May 22, 2006

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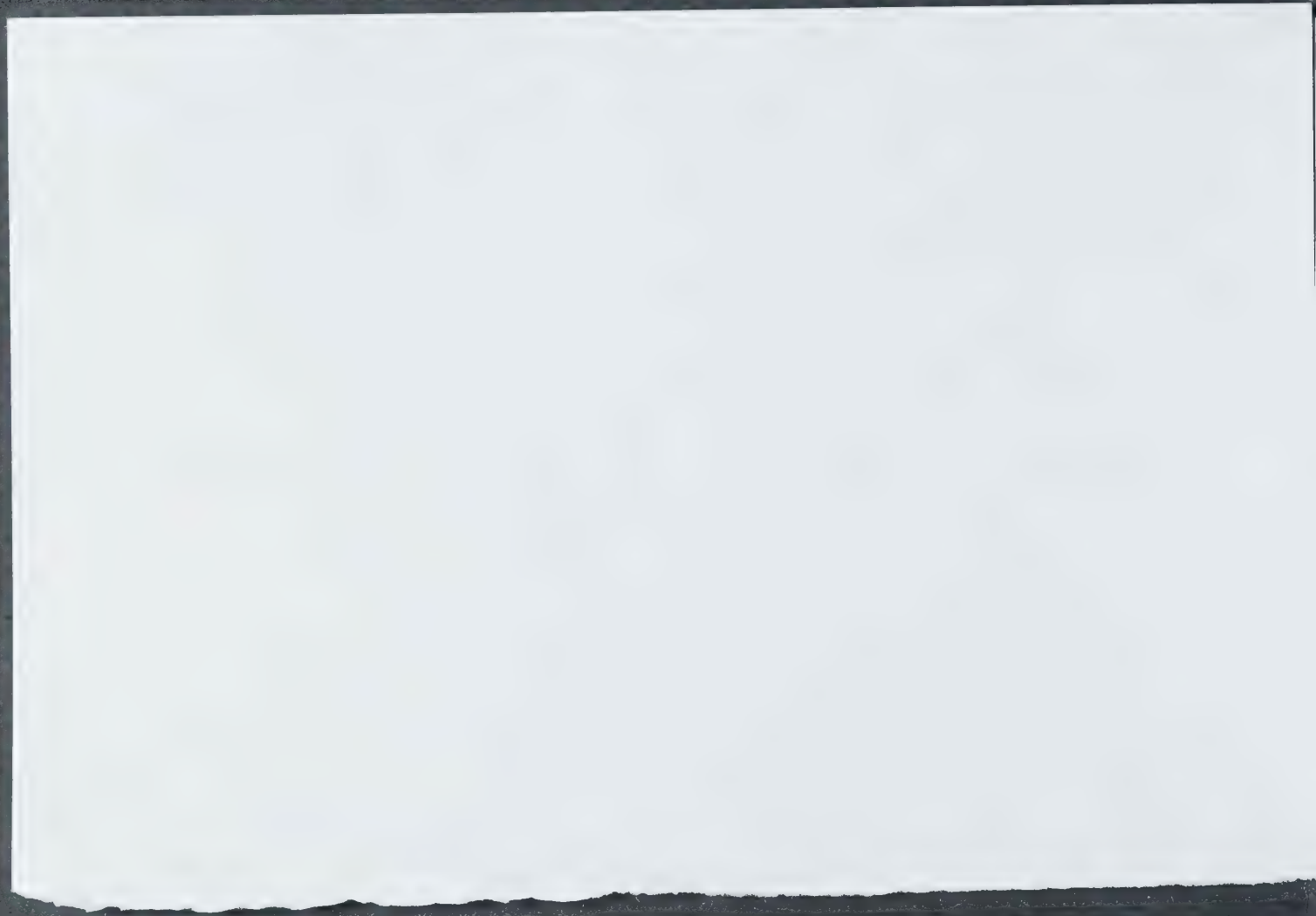
To: "Alfred Bader" <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred,

Thank you for sending the fine speech you gave at the AJC dinner in your and Daniel's honor. I appreciated your kind words about Marvin z'l and the fact that he is in your thoughts so much of the time.

As we count the last day of the Omer and look toward this evening of Shavuot, it was good to read your inspiring words.

Best wishes to Isabel and Chag Samach. Jane



From: Mendel Shapiro <mshapiro@zahav.net.il>

Date: Thu, 01 Jun 2006 18:09:42 +0300

To: baderfa@execpc.com

Dear Alfred and Isabel,

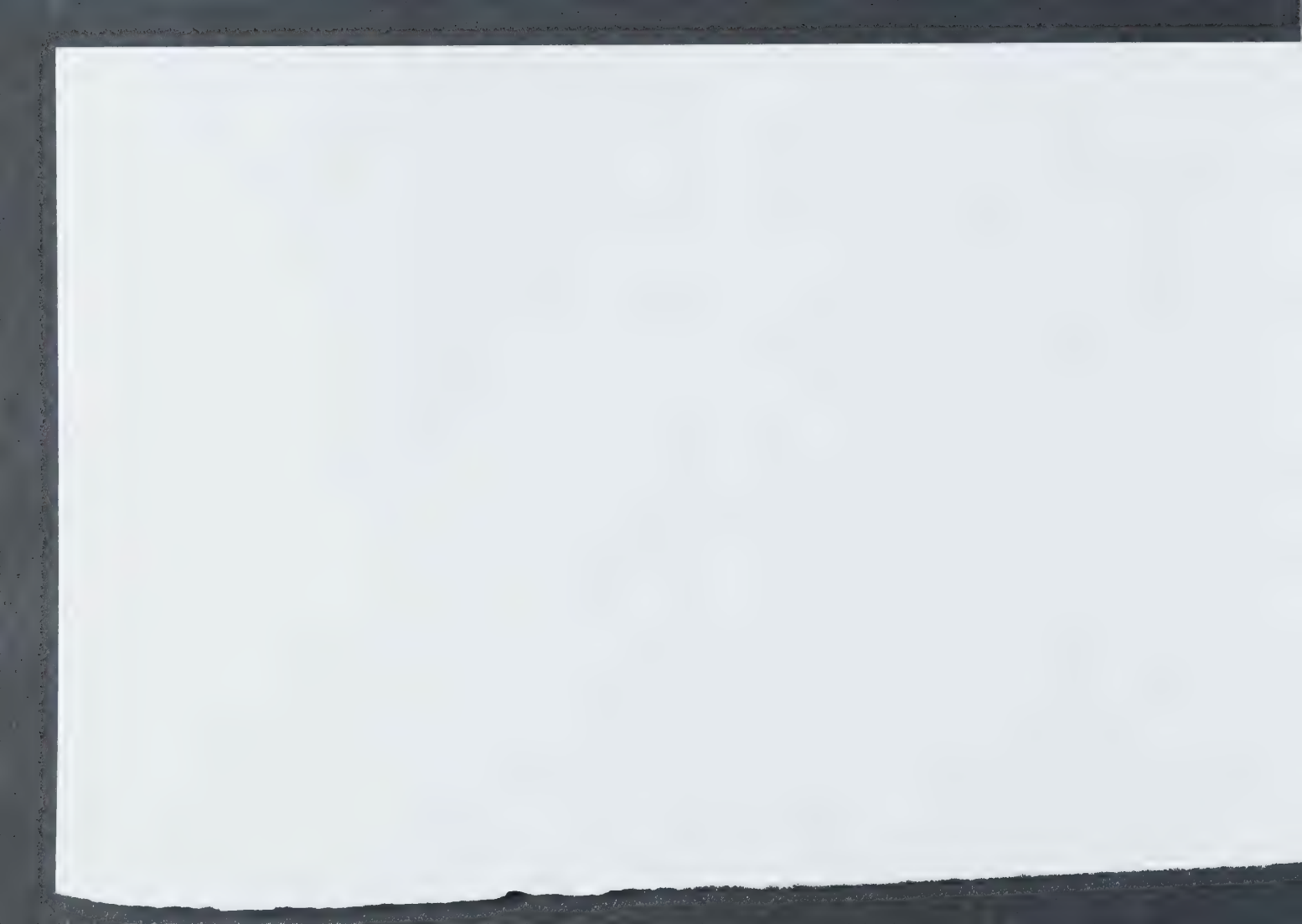
It is close to chag now, but after reading the words you spoke at the AJC dinner, where you and Daniel were most worthy honorees, I want to take a minute to express my gratitude to you Alfred for all that you have done for us and our children. Mendel and I often speak with the children and the wider family how fortunate we are not only to be Dad's children, but also to be the benefactors his good friend's, Alfred, generosity. I am afraid, however, that we don't thank you directly often enough, nor tell you how proud Dad was of you and all the good works that you and the Helen Bader Foundation does. We do thank you ever so much for your friendship and for all the support you give all of us, and especially your interest and support in our very amazing and wonderful daughter, Adina. We wish you and Isable a very happy chag, and many more years of enjoying your good deeds together in health and happiness.

Mendel and I think that we will be in Milw with Mom in the beginning of Sept. Hope we will be able to see you then.
Regards to Daniel and David and families.

Love, Betsy

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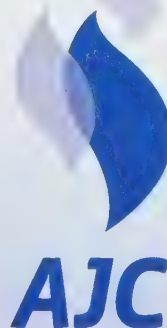
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Tuesday, May 30, 2006



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TO
DR. ALFRED BADER AND DR. DANIEL BADER

Welcome	Bonnie Bockl Joseph & Leon Joseph <i>Dinner Co-Chairs</i>
Invocation and Blessing	Rabbi Shmaya Shmotkin <i>Lubavitch of Wisconsin</i>
	“One Century, One Day”
Report of the Nominating Committee	Chuck Kahn <i>Chair, Nominating Committee</i>
Birkat ha Mazon	Rabbi Mark Berkson <i>Congregation Emanuel B’ne Jeshurun</i>
Presentation of the Centennial Human Relations Award	Bonnie Bockl Joseph The Honorable Jim Doyle <i>Governor, State of Wisconsin</i>
Response	Dr. Daniel Bader Dr. Alfred Bader
Closing	Leon Joseph

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Third annual Thanksgiving Breakfast for civic and religious leaders using AJC's Thanksgiving Reader held. Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty was one of those who led in the reading of this "Thanksgiving Haggadah" at the event co-sponsored with the Milwaukee Ethnic Council.

Co-sponsored at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the lecture by Pulitzer Prize-winning illustrator, Art Spiegelman, creator of Maus, the masterful Holocaust narrative that portrayed Jews as mice and Nazis as cats.

Continued collaboration with the Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations in engaging Presbyterian leadership around issues raised by the PCUSA decision to study divestment from Israel.

Presbyterian and Jewish leadership heard Emily Soloff, AJC Chicago Director and Wheaton, Illinois Presbyterian minister, Rev. Jay Moses report on their interfaith missions to Israel.

Chapter's Latino/Jewish Alliance held its first Leadership Retreat to deepen our connection and examine issues of mutual concern. 2006 issues will be Immigration, Education and Middle East peace.

Latino/Jewish Alliance sponsored a sneak preview of the artwork of Mexican Jewish artist Leonardo Nierman featuring a panel of Latino Jews sharing their heritage.

Latino/Jewish Alliance co-sponsored with Latino Arts an exhibition by Chilean Jewish artist Herman Henry Hirsch.

AJC's African American/Jewish Task Force, held its 11th annual joint Passover Seder "In Search of Freedom, Exploring Common Ground", co-sponsored by the Milwaukee Urban League and Congregation Shalom.

Participated in Alverno College's Debate Series "Civil Rights, African Americans and Jews: Partners in Struggle?"

JEWISH COMMUNAL AFFAIRS

Committed to concept that Jewish leaders should be educated as well as informed, the chapter initiated a course on masterpieces of Jewish Literature co-sponsored with the Jewish Community Center and taught by JCC's Director of Jewish Education, Covenant award winning educator, Jody Hirsh.

Presented Dierdre Berger, Director of AJC's Berlin Office, speaking on the topic "Germany, Friend or Foe".

Received second year funding from the Helen Bader Foundation for a project that will culminate in a book detailing the history of the Milwaukee Jewish Community from 1950 to the present written by Andy Muchin.

Co-sponsored Yom Ha Shoah, Holocaust memorial ceremonies. The community-wide commemorations of Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) and Yom Ha Zikaron (remembering Israel's fallen soldiers).

Co-sponsored the Day of Discovery and the Jewish Book Fair.

PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES

AJC represented the Jewish community and co-chaired the Milwaukee Commission for Police and Community Relations, formed in 2004 to improve relationships between the department and the citizenry, to strengthen community policing and mediate issues of mutual concern.

Coordinated meeting between Jewish communal leadership and first-term Congresswoman Gwen Moore on issues of concern to the Jewish community.

Supported the work of the Wisconsin Center for Pluralism, organized to uphold and maintain pluralism in United States public policy.

Hosted the National Voting Rights Amendment Action Workshop Series.

Represented the Jewish community on the Milwaukee County W-2 Monitoring Committee.

Maintained regular communication with elected officials on items of importance to the AJC including comprehensive immigration reform, DREAM act, Lobbying Reform, Darfur Accountability Act, reauthorization of Voting Rights Act, Workforce Religious Freedom Act.

ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Wisconsin State Senator Lena Taylor, Milwaukee Urban League Executive Director, Ralph Hollman, WMCS radio broadcaster Cassandra and MPTV television producer Raul Galvan participated in Project Interchange seminars in Israel, joining almost 4,000 influential leaders AJC has brought to Israel.

Rabbi Ed Rettig, Associate Director of AJC's Israel office presented "The Christian Connection to the State of Israel" at St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Co-sponsored the visit and presentation by Dr. Petra Heldt, one of the pastors of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in the Old City of Jerusalem and Director of the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel.

AJC's Campus Resource Packet on Israel was distributed to students at Marquette University as well as the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Madison.

Distributed widely via the internet, AJC's weekly Middle East Updates, background papers, talking points and analyses of the unfolding situation in Israel.

ANTI-SEMITISM AND EXTREMISM

Continued the operation of "Hands Across The Campus", AJC's social justice and anti-bias curriculum, an ongoing educational program in Milwaukee and 7 other school districts in southeastern Wisconsin. Annually thousands of young people benefit from "Hands" programs.

Responding to requests, AJC made presentations on Jewish History, culture and anti-Semitism at Milwaukee area schools.

Distributed widely the AJC publications "Religion as a Tool for Good and Evil" and "Anti-Semitism Matters".

Represented the Jewish Community on the Concerned Clergy for Justice Task Force.

Member of the faith-based NO to the Amendment Coalition

Co-sponsored and provided program planning for Everytown, a weeklong youth leadership conference that trains teens to unlearn bias, dismantle oppression and create community.

INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RELATIONS

Presented the 2005 National Human Relations Award to Linda Mellows for her outstanding commitment to the ideals and vision of the American Jewish Committee.

Presented the 2006 Centennial Human Relations Award to Dr. Alfred Bader and Dr. Daniel Bader for their unswerving commitment to righting the wrongs of the universe.

COALITION MEMBERSHIPS

AJC partnered with the following groups in organizing and executing educational and action programs during 2005

- Alverno College
- Coalition for Jewish Learning
- Congregation Shalom
- Hillel Foundation
- Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee
- Latino Arts
- Milwaukee Ethnic Council
- Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations
- Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee
- Save Darfur Wisconsin
- The Israel Center
- UWM Center for Jewish Studies
- Wisconsin Jewish Conference
- Wisconsin Center for Pluralism

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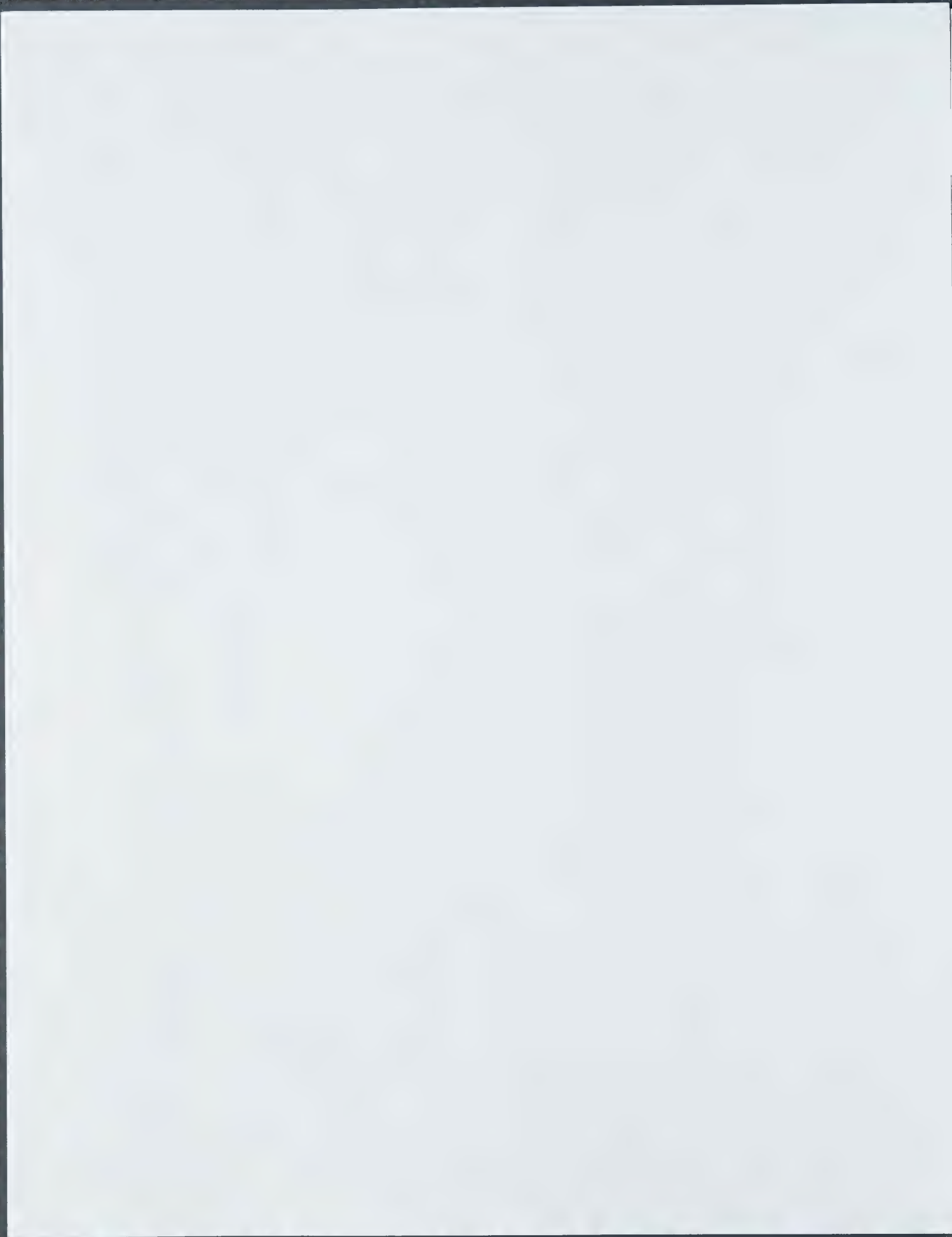
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Knowing and understanding means knowing and keeping the commandments.

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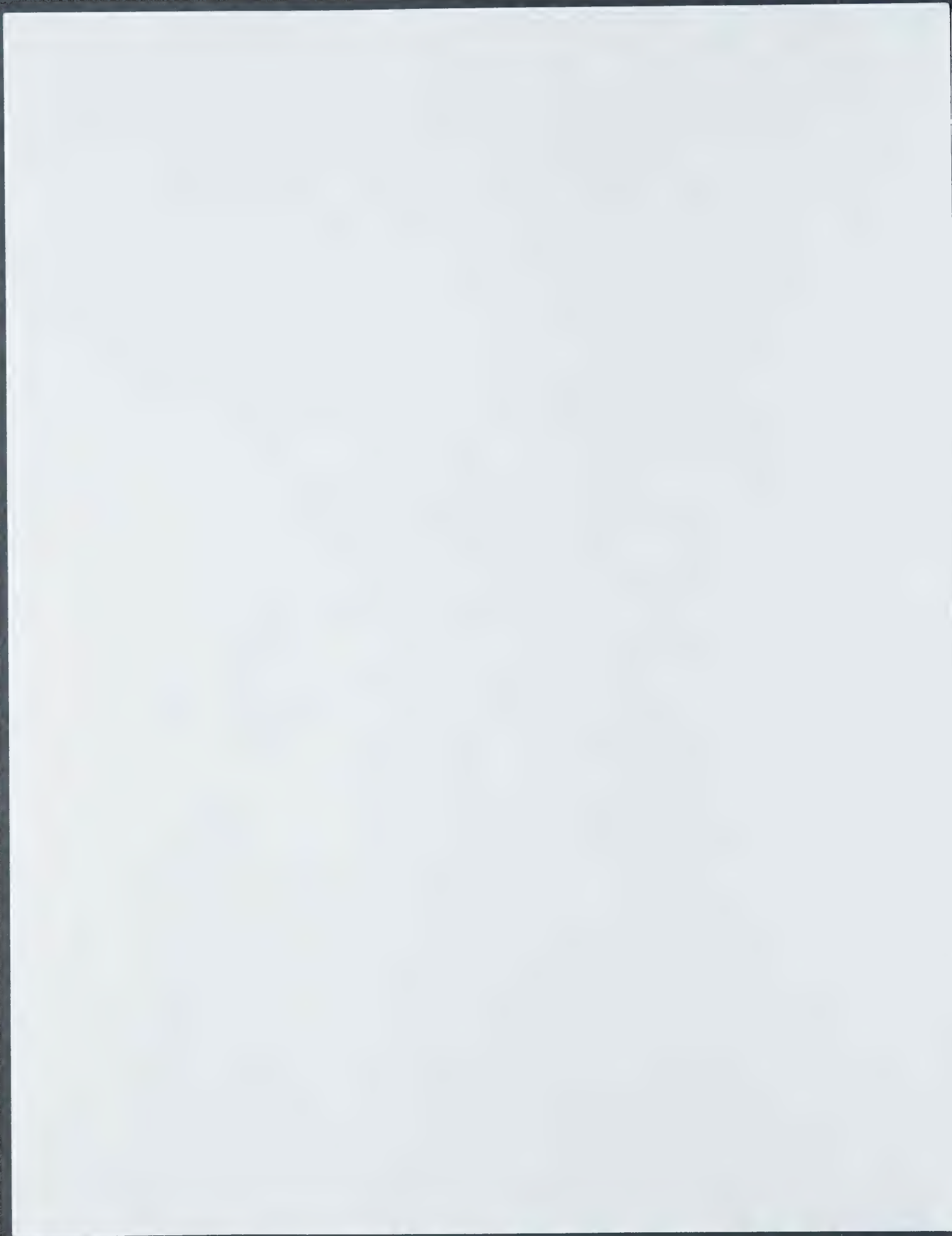
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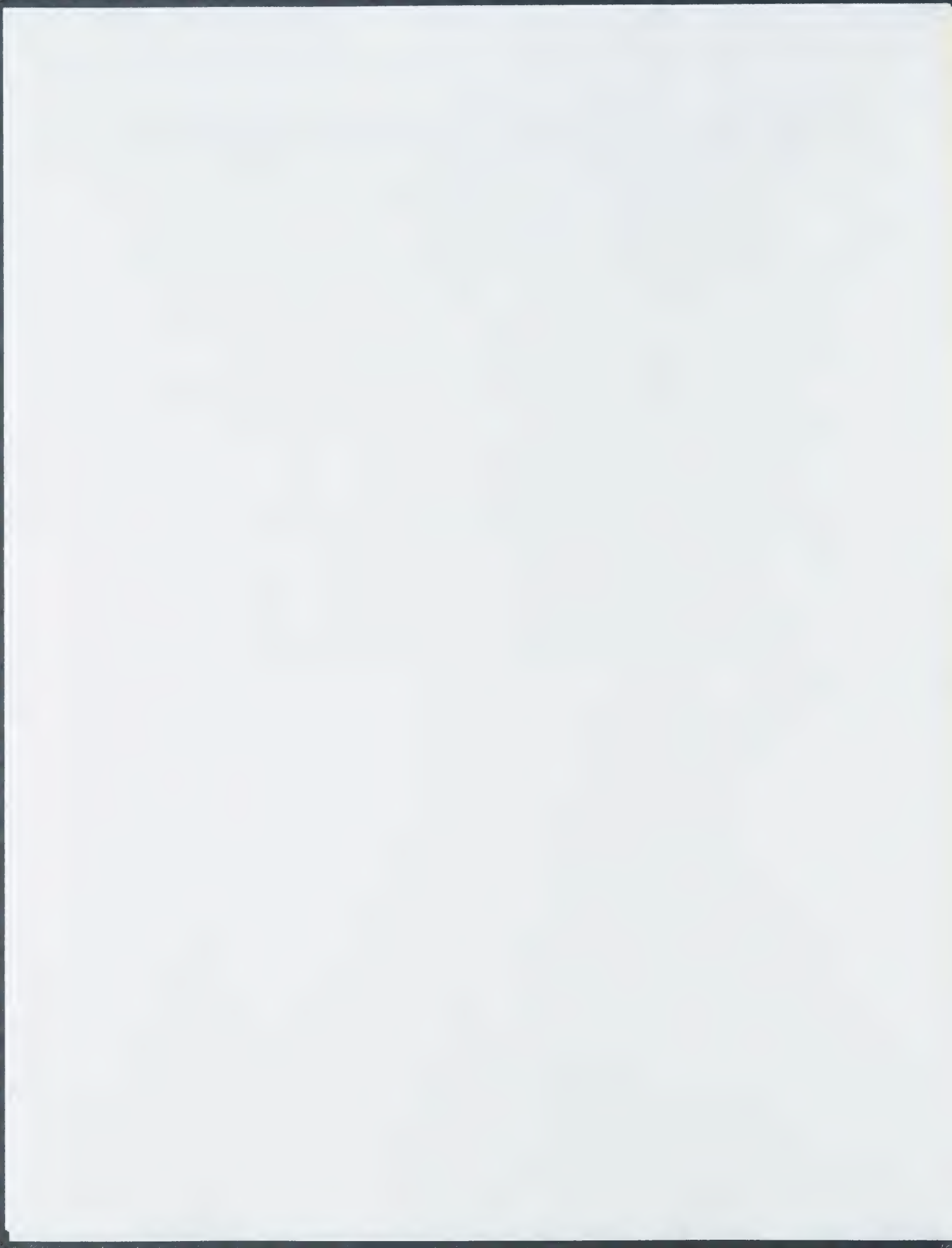
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AJC CENTENNIAL HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

On May 30th in Milwaukee, the American Jewish Committee will be presenting its Centennial Human Relations Award to Dr. Alfred Bader and his son Daniel Bader.

For three reasons the award takes on a special importance:

Given by one of the oldest and most respected Jewish organizations in America on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, the award recognizes the humanitarian endeavors of Alfred and his son at home and abroad.

Dr. Bader will receive this recognition not in the Czech Republic nor in Bosnia-Herzegovina nor in any foreign land but in his own home town in the presence of his close friends and neighbors.

In what I am sure is a great source of satisfaction to Alfred, he will be sharing the award with his oldest son, Daniel. Daniel heads up the Helen Bader Foundation which sponsors a wide variety of projects concerning child welfare in the Milwaukee Region and in Israel.

The award ceremony is scheduled to take place tomorrow night (in the wee hours of Wednesday morning our time).

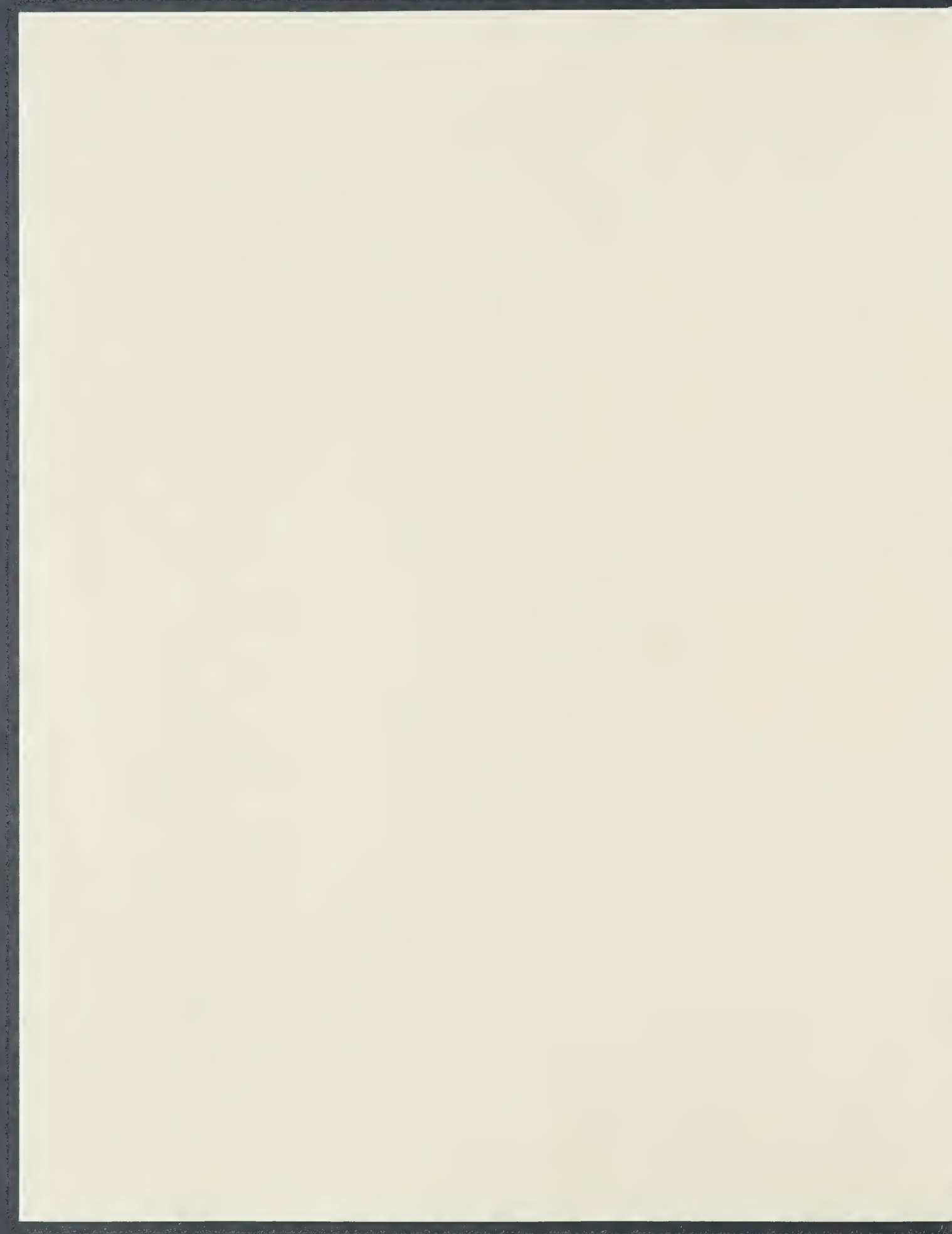
If you would like to add your own words of tribute, appreciation and or congratulations for what Dr. Bader has done and what he represents and perhaps have them included in the ceremony, PLEASE SEND THEM RIGHT AWAY to the organizer:

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Best regards,

Yechiel



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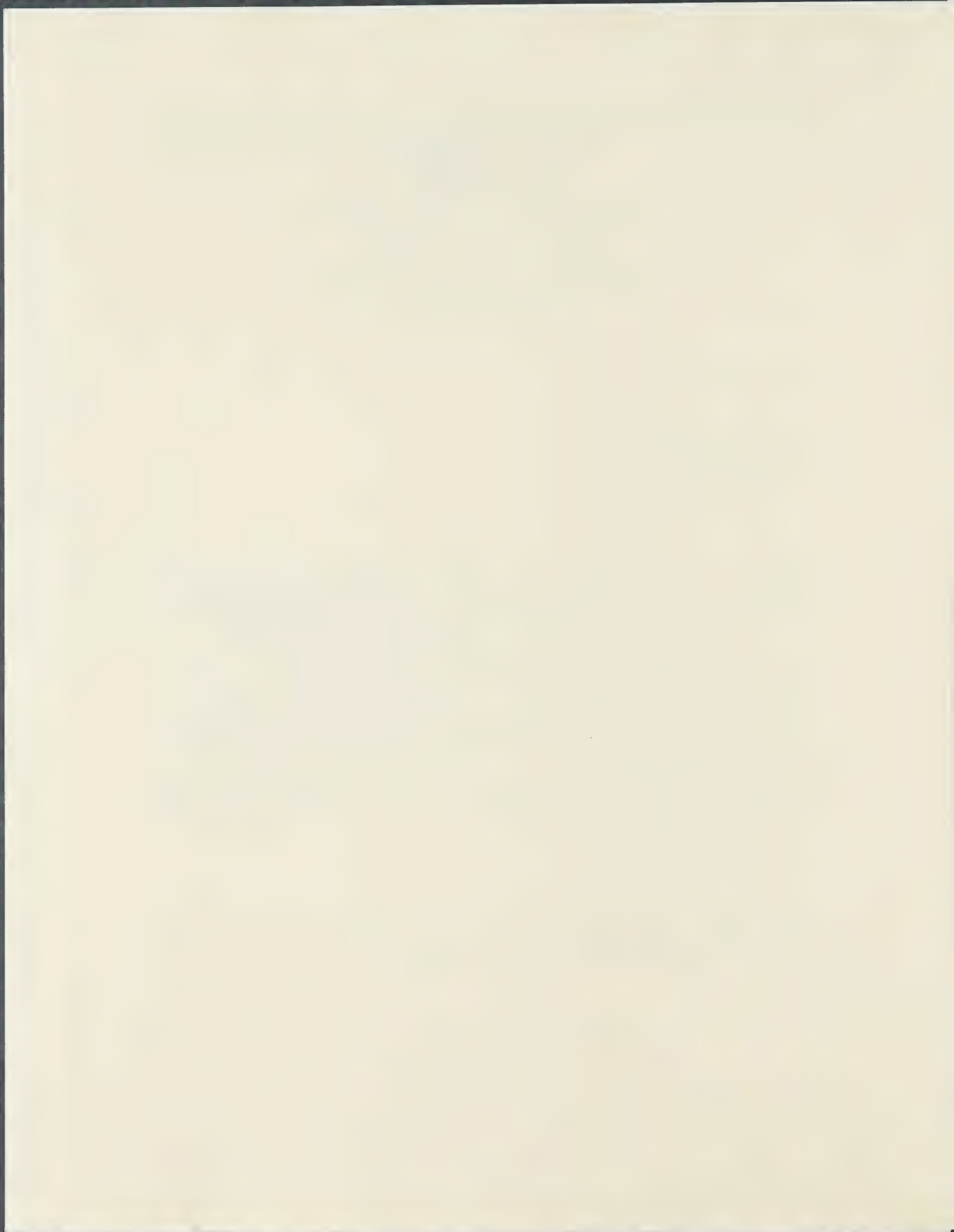
Dear Ms. Harriet Mc Kinney,

It has come to my attention that on the 30th of May in Milwaukee, The American Jewish Committee will be presenting its Centennial Human Relations Award to Dr. Alfred Bader and his son Daniel Bader.

I would like to take this opportunity on Behalf of our Jewish School and Boarding school here in Pinsk, Belarus to show our great appreciation to Mr. Bader and his son Daniel for taking an active part in helping our school too. His financial help has gone in bringing joy to orphans whom have not been so fortunate in their younger years of their lives. I would like to congratulate them both and wish them many years full of health and happiness and may they always be an example of what Righteousness is all about.

Thanking you for passing over my words,

Moishe Fhima on behalf of the over one hundred students here in Belarus who have benefited from The Baders.



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Sarajevo, May 29. 2006

Dear Ms. McKinney

We have learned from Mr. Yechiel Barchaim that on May 30 in Milwaukee, the American Jewish Committee will be presenting its Centennial Human Relations Award to Dr. Alfred Bader and his son Daniel Bader.

First of all, thank you for the opportunity to add a few words on behalf of our Community.

The Jewish Community Sarajevo, the Jewish cultural-educational and humanitarian society La Benevolencija including the Home Care Project, and at least but not last, the Micro Credit Organization Melaha, would like to express the gratitude for all the support, understanding and effort that Mr. Bader generously provided to us.

This support which came in the difficult post war times enabled a huge number of people in Bosnia and Herzegovina to face with daily difficulties with dignity and faith for the days to come.

We greatly appreciate Mr. Baders endeavor and praise his unprecedented work. We sincerely congratulate him on the well-deserved award.

Best regards,

Jakob Finci,
President



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Dear Ms. McKinney,

On behalf of the Romani (gypsy) communities of Kosovo and Serbia, I would like to congratulate Dr. Bader and his son Daniel for this well-deserved award. Their generous contributions have saved the lives of many Romani children in Kosovo, and given many jobs for Romani refugees in Serbia. I am sure that God will thank them more than we can.

Paul Polansky
Head of Mission
Kosovo Roma Refugee Foundation
Nish, Serbia



Alfred and Daniel Bader - AJC Centennial Award

By way of introduction, I would like to mention that it is quite fitting to honor Dr. Bader on the eve of *Shavuot* – the holiday commemorating the receipt of the *Torah* (the Bible). Many of you must know that Alfred's main passions - his "ABC's" - are Art, Bible and Chemistry. I don't know as much as Alfred does about Art or about *Chemistry*. I know that Alfred is very knowledgeable about the Bible... he was my mother's Sunday School teacher and she still remembers his dramatic lessons. But I also received a thorough Jewish education and know a thing or two about the Bible and I would like to address Alfred from that point of view.

The Bible is a wide-ranging compilation of laws and stories in light of which we lead our lives. Is it possible to reduce the Torah to a single principle? I think our Rabbis may have tried to do this when they chose the book of Ruth to be read on Shavuot. The book of Ruth is all about *Chesed* (loving kindness) that extends beyond our immediate circles. It is about doing for others with a sense of duty without any expectation for reward. This is what I have learned to be Alfred's Torah, and I am happy to share with you some of the projects of *Chesed* that Alfred has helped me take part in.

First was my involvement in the Middle East Children's Association (MECA), a joint Israeli – Palestinian organization that I founded in 1996 and co-directed up until eight months ago. MECA is based on the premise that any peace in the Middle East can only be sustained if there is a significant investment in education. Parenthetically I will mention that my belief in the power of education to change lives is something I inherited from my grandfather, Marvin Klitsner, who together Rabbi David Shapiro and Alfred established the Hillel Academy here in Milwaukee and who collaborated with Alfred on numerous educational projects.

MECA works with throughout Israel and the Palestinian Authority exploring how to better help the young generations cope with the complex reality in which they are brought up. The organization, which is now a decade old, has managed to bring together several hundred Israeli and Palestinian teachers. These educators all share a similar challenge: They committed to instilling in their students the values of tolerance and understanding and at the same time wish to protect these children from the violence and conflict amid which they are being brought up. These teachers not only share their concerns but also work on developing curricula that they use in their respective classrooms.

I am proud to say that today, as the political Israeli and Palestinian leaderships state there are great rifts between them, MECA is one of the very few organizations that continues to succeed in bringing people together with a common goal. This, in my eyes, represents a ray of hope for the future.

Alfred in particular, as well as his two sons Daniel and David, showed great interest and support from the outset. Alfred's support has been crucial especially as the political situation deteriorated and took with it support and



belief in the possibility for cooperation. I am attaching a note from MECA's Palestinian co-director which I believe speaks for itself.

Ironically, one thing that I am particularly grateful for is Alfred's relentless insistence that I conclude my law degree. This subsequently resulted in my resigning from my position as MECA co-director (although I remain as an active board member) in order to begin my full time internship at a law firm - a one year commitment required of every Israeli law school graduate before being admitted to the Israel Bar Association. Stepping back has allowed me to watch the organization grow and to witness the great dedication of those who are involved who continue to collaborate on qualitative educational endeavors.

If I thought that this might be enough to keep me occupied, several years ago, Alfred and Isabel approached me and suggested that I assist them with one of "their most difficult tasks" - as Alfred put it - namely "giving away money wisely in Israel". I was probably not worthy of the request, but picking up Alfred and Isabel's challenge, gave me an unbelievable opportunity to look into how I may play the role of a strategic funder - something that I learned about to a large extent from discussions with Daniel.

According to Alfred, who cares deeply about Israel, one of the Jewish State's biggest problems is how we dealt unfairly with the Arab Israeli population. He suggested in his modest way, that I fix this.

The problem does not lend itself to a quick fix, but here is how I, with Alfred and Isabel's help am trying to make my modest contribution. I felt that the best way to address Arab - Jewish relations was to invest heavily in an area in such a way that would enable me to impact and ensure equality and open dialogue. I chose to do this by investing in the public libraries in Israel.

Public libraries in Israel are, for the most part, not very well developed and have not realized their potential as community resources. Especially today with the growing poverty in Israel such public services could be utilized much more than they have been. Public libraries in the Arab sector are in an even worse state, than the Jewish ones.

The idea was to address a need common to all Israeli citizens in a way that would invite participation across ethnic lines and present an opportunity to redress some of the inherent inequalities. Israeli public libraries were up until now so neglected that they offered the opportunity to build from the bottom up and infrastructure that would treat Jews and Arabs equally and provide a model for cooperation in other areas.

Over several years a series of small grants were given to Jewish and Arab libraries in order to carry out projects that would reach out to their communities. Such projects would include, for example, working with single mothers and their children in the library, using the library as a place to rehabilitate at risk youth, or a communal resource for investing in early childhood. Each grant was within itself relatively small but had a huge impact



on the community. Librarians said it was what they needed in order to do something special in their library, which shed light on the library and had a ripple effect on the community. For example children were encouraged to write histories of their villages, which required very little money, but was an impetus for community discussions and intergenerational dialogue. Furthermore, when librarians from two communities – one Jewish and one Arab both execute such a project the overlap and lessons learned bring in another dimension of communication between the two communities that would normally not have existed. This is another lesson I learned from Alfred, to look for ways to where a relatively small investment can have a far ranging impact.

The overall strategy has several layers.

First, the librarians are empowered to work with their own community.

Second, the Jewish and Arab librarians work together as professionals, and raise social issues of awareness, which could be then be disseminated through their libraries. One of the conditions of funding is that all recipients participate in monthly meetings to share ideas and discuss some of the more sensitive issues that Israel, as a multicultural society has. Librarians who would never come into contact, such as orthodox Jews and religious Muslims find themselves working side by side on the same projects with common goals.

Third, all aspects of the project were done in cooperation with the Ministry of Education which enabled me to leverage the grants by being in a position to demand supplemental State funding. In particular I will mention that this led to establishing several new libraries for the Arab population in Mukeble, Haifa (which to date did not have such an institution) and in several Bedouin villages. The Bedouin project was so successful that we are currently in the midst of negotiations with the Ministry of Education for them to open for the first time such a library in each Bedouin Village. The project, which is actually a conglomerate of over 35-40 smaller grants, has undoubtedly raised the role of public libraries in Israel in general, and has spearheaded this progress with a model of Arab-Jewish cooperation.

Another side benefit was that I have had the great privilege to pool some of my own family funds for similar projects and involve my siblings in this area as a joint community investment in memory of our late grandfather. This is a partnership, which brings a lot of satisfaction to us and I believe to Alfred and Isabel as well. We are now in a situation where there is more awareness towards the need to invest in libraries here and especially in the Arab sector and are now helping the libraries look to new sources of funding for their growing work.

And this brings me to a more personal note. Alfred - besides the great support and opportunities which you gave me that enable me to be a partner in creating cutting edge change here in Israel, we both share a sincere feeling of love and respect for my grandfather, Marvin Klitsner, and both miss him



dearly. Not that there are a lack of people anywhere that miss him, yet there is a special link that you had that makes it extra special for me to have you share in my projects, and I have a sneaking suspicion that this is also one reason why you are so eager to have me share yours. My grandfather instilled within me a deep commitment to help the community. Communal investment - here in Israel and the Milwaukee Jewish Community - was a significant part of Marvin Klitsner's life. I know that his involvement in the establishment of the Helen Bader Foundation was one of his most satisfying accomplishments (and there were many) and I cannot relate to Alfred or Daniel without remembering this special link.

Alfred, you and my grandfather shared so many ventures - business and philanthropic. An occasion such as this is a reminder to me as to how lucky I am to have benefited and learned from this partnership. Sometimes when I would complain to my grandfather about the difficulties of engaging in community work, he would remind me that I should always appreciate that I am in position where I can give and that it is easier to be a giver than a recipient. The sense of duty is something in my genes. From you Alfred, I have learned to compliment this sense of duty with a feeling of tremendous responsibility to give wisely and carefully knowing that our G-d given gifts must not be squandered.

Congratulations on your well deserved honor.

Adina Shapiro



THE JEWISH CEMETERY IN NISH

The today's Jewish cemetery in Nish is the third one in this town. The first was situated in the town's center where the Jewish ghetto skirted it. The Second Jewish cemetery was near St. Panthaleimon's Church.

The remnants of the Jewish cemetery today are in the city section called the Stock Square, prevalently settled by Gypsies. The Jewish cemetery dates back to 17th century. It could, however, be even older. Among the other tomb markers there is also the memorial tablet of the famous rabbi Rahamim Naftali Gedalia. A great number of Jews from Nish, but also from the neighboring towns were buried at this cemetery. There are records stating that also the Prokuplje Jews, whose community was small and, therefore, had no cemetery or synagogue of its own, were taken to the Nish cemetery for interment.

The monuments at the today's Jewish cemetery of Nish are sarcophagus shaped and are laid out in diagonal long rows one sarcophagus next to the other on a surface of thirty-two hundred square meters. A pertinent remark would be that the Association of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia bequeathed 50 hundred square meters of the cemetery's unused surface to the township of Nish in the fifties of the past century. All memorial tablets are engraved with long Hebrew texts. A smaller number bear Hebrew inscriptions done in plastic lettering. A small number of tablets are also inscribed with the Serbian translation of the Hebrew text. These date back to 1913, 1915, 1935 and 1936, while the other much older inscriptions that surely date back to 19th century bear neither a date nor the Serbian translation. There is little ornamentation on the monuments. A few hemispheres of smaller size, placed in groups of four, embellish each corner of the tablet. The Jewish Scriptures existed once. Rabbi Abraham Daniti wrote in 1939 that some Jews demonstrated such zeal and haste at "burying" information, notebooks, and books that the Jewish Association of Nish was left without any important piece of information except for some notebooks that were kept when first the Association was formed.

NISH: THE JEWISH CEMETERY BEFORE

Burials were performed at this cemetery until the beginning of WWII. In 1948 the cemetery was expropriated. In 1965 the Assembly of the County of Nish prohibits burials at the Jewish Cemetery. In the following years many Jewish families had disinterred their dead to take them and bury them at the Jewish Cemetery of Belgrade. The Jewish Cemetery in Nish today cannot be seen, examined, or photographed. It is overgrown by grass, reeds and covered by tons of debris, excrement and rubbish. The memorial stone tablets are overgrown by grass and weeds. The brush is some two meters high. The way it looks, the cemetery has become the sore spot of the town. Many Gypsy homes have memorial slabs from this cemetery for foundation, while other tablets make the inventory of the homes' interior. Additional uses of the memorial slabs were to pave the passages between the homes, to cover the sod in the sties of this Gypsy settlement, to panel the walls of the underground sewers. On top of all this space there are tons of trash, so that calling the Jewish Cemetery of today huge garbage disposal is no misnomer.

With the exception of some twenty tablets on the eastern side of the cemetery, the other memorial stones cannot be seen and all are greatly damaged, that is, broken, displaced and ruined. There is also a chapel at this cemetery. According to the title documents it belongs to the Jewish Community of Nish. In front of the chapel is the rabbi's grave. Inside the chapel seven members of a Gypsy family have domicile.

One should also say that one part of the Jewish Cemetery on its north-west side has been usurped by firms "Metalac" and "Niplast" before and by "Tehnomarket" today, while on the eastern side is the commercial firm "Otpad" from Zrenjanin. Also these firms have covered the cemetery with tons of waste materials, making it impossible to see or examine the gravesites. The Gypsy settlement is also on the cemetery's east side.

Just before WWII 360 Jews lived in Nish. During the war 1100 were killed. The war has claimed all Jews of Nish. Their graves are not marked. Entire families were killed. No relatives survived so that nobody remembers them. In Nish there is no memorial plaque to inform about their suffering, about the doom that befell our neighbors who no longer live.



In April the Jewish Community of Nish submitted their request that the Cemetery be moved to another location to the Department for City Planning in Nish.

On April 27, the Jewish Cemetery was burned down. It was newly covered with human waste and garbage. Two graves were dug up and the bones were scattered around. The incident was reported to the police, who investigated the case, but the culprit remained at large, most probably.

This December 2003 the story of the Jewish Cemetery is finished. There is no longer a Jewish Cemetery in Nish. It has been razed and buried under tons of garbage and waste. "Tehnomarket" built illegally a wall, 50-70 m long and 3-4m high all along the side of the cemetery. Tons of garbage are thrown over the wall. Where the Gypsy settlement is, fences were built around the homes, so that neither from that side is the cemetery accessible.

During summer 2004 the cemetery was roughly cleansed with the help of JDC and support of private donation of Dr.Alfred Bader .Trees were cut, bushes were taken away and 200 tones of rubbish was transported away. A huge part of cemetery was delineated from the Roma settlement. The sewage system was made in a proper way. By cleansing the cemetery, 1015 tombs + 150 fragments were discovered. A part of cemetery which is situated in a Roma settlement is cut off by fence and it is impossible to approach the site.

The works concerning the cleaning and arrangement of the Jewish cemetery in Nis are almost finished. JDC responded to our appels to help rehabilitate this cemetery and Dr.Alfred Bader support private donation for everytning.

I want to tell to Dr.Alfred Bader, thank you for everything what you do with Jewish cemetery in my small town and small Jewish Community in Srbija.

Dr.Alfred Bader and family -congratulations for Human relations award.

Jasna Ciric president The Jewish Community Nis, Srbija



Honoring Dr. Bader

I would like to add a few words of gratitude to Alfred Bader and to his wife Isabel on behalf of the art historical community in Czech Republic. For 15 years now, the Bader Scholarship has been supporting the research into 17th century painting, and, above all, supporting the young Czech people. It has already allowed 35 young Czech art historians to spend a study trip abroad, to widen their horizons and to have the best opportunity to start their professional career.

We are very glad that Alfred's generosity and broad mind are honored today by his own community.

Prof. Milena Bartlová
Masaryk University, Brno



Dear Ms. McKinney:

I would very much appreciated if following words can be included during the ceremony honoring Dr. Alfred Bader:

Dear Alfred, many thanks on behalf of Czech chemists for your gracious support allowing many talented Czech students to receive education at the first-class American and British Universities. I would personally like to thank you for introducing me to the story of Josef Loschmidt and for your friendship, which means a lot to me. Jiri Damborsky, Josef Loschmidt of Chemistry.

Thank you very much.

Best wishes,

Jiri Damborsky

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SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO Dr. Alfred and Isabel Bader

NGO Center for Self Reliance was founded in 1996. It's mission from the start was to promote and improve the status as well as the abilities of people with special needs helping them better integrate in to the society.

Fortunately, LaBenevolencija society recognized our efforts as well as the creativity and talents of our members. It was with this great trust and support that the "Bader Vest" and "Joint Dreams" projects were started.

The unique idea of the projects was selflessly sponsored by dr. Alfred and Isabel Bader and The American Joint Distribution organization. The members of the CSR were trusted with the funds and production of 1700 vests and 1400 bed sheets that were then distributed trough out the LaBenevolencija society.

During these projects not only did the members of CSR become more economically independent but they also gained significant amount of self confidence while broadening the horizons, setting the sights on brave new goals.

In that light we would like to express our great gratitude once more to dr. Alfred and Isabel Bader, the LaBenevolencija society and The American Joint Distribution for all of the support and understanding.

May You live long and joyful dr. Alfred and Isabel Bader and may our gratitude cherish Your love and pleasure of giving.

Center for Self Reliance,
Sarajevo



Dear Dr. Alfred ,

On the behalf of MECA- The Middle East Children Association , both teachers, facilitators and staff would like to congratulate you for not only these moments but also for your other great achievements .

History says that the Jewish people have been crying for more than 1700 years hoping to achieve their dream. You did not depend on crying, you depended and still depending on your clear humanitarian vision, represented in the need to help the Global Community, despite religion or race

You have chosen this way, the way of giving and building, reflecting the Jewish morals and ethics to give and not to wait to be thanked.

You have been a real sincere friend to MECA especially in the most difficult times.

Not only your financial contribution was a source of support, but also your kind follow up, inquiring about our work, inquiring about our co-director (Ms. Adina Shapiro's progress in education. All these such highly appreciated steps taken in the past and those that will come from you in the future will be good, effective keys to creating a new kind of history, mainly a new history for the Palestinians and Israelis. We are sure that history will never forget your deeds and devotion to help the global community

May God give the good health

Best regards always remains,

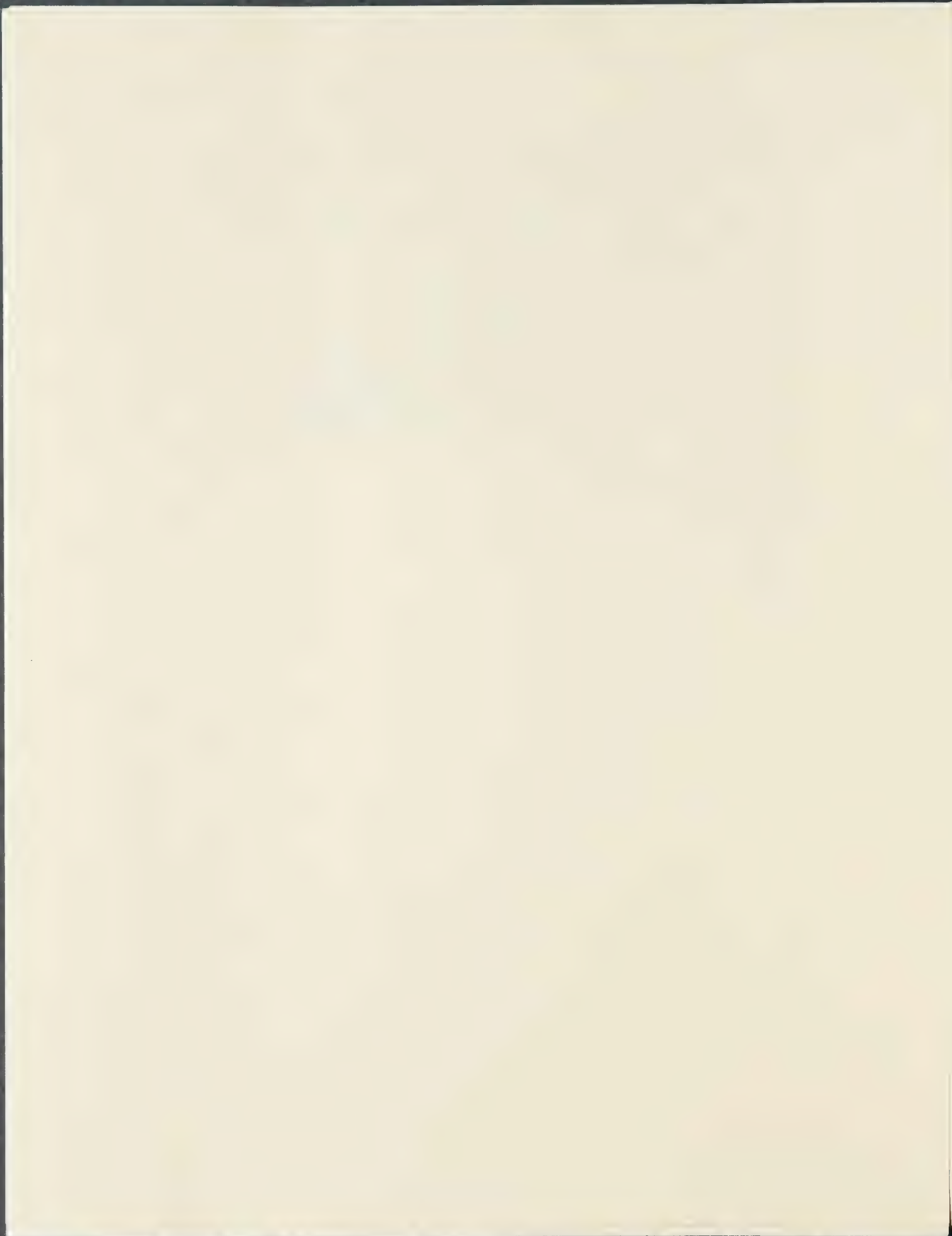
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Yours,

Dr.Ghasan Abdallah

Co-director

MECA



Dear Ms. Harriet McKinney,

We learned from Yechiel Bar-Chaim that Dr. Bader and his son Daniel will be receiving the American Jewish Committee Centennial Human Relations Award.

We have been working with Dr. Bader over the past 10 years and would love to add our words of appreciation. We thank you so much for passing those words to Dr. Bader.

Very best regards, Jiri Barta

Dr. Bader's generosity in assistance of Roma communities in the Czech Republic has not only made a tangible difference in individual's lives, he has helped create hope in this challenged community. His philanthropy has enabled job training, promoted entrepreneurship, and created jobs benefitting Roma in communities throughout the Czech Republic. This is no easy task as poverty, racism, and low levels of education work against those Roma who wish to succeed. Dr. Bader's contributions have helped give individuals with the motivation to better themselves and their community a taste of the possibility of success; a chance at achieving something better than the environment into which they were born.

Dr. Bader, to merely say "thank you" is not enough for your dedication to assisting disadvantaged groups in the Czech Republic. Please know that the legacy of your philanthropy in the Czech Republic will not be forgotten and is one of increasing success.

**Tana Hlavata, Jiri Barta, Brad Hoar
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I would like in the name of my colleges in "Zavod distroficara" in Banja Luka - Republic Srpska to thank to Dr Alfred Bader. For his generosity, because he and his organization have great hart that doesn't know boundaries and differences between nations, religions and races. For he is ready to give help to anyone in every part of world. Especially because he recognizes such a small institution which provide existence trough work to seriously disabled people. We can't explain what this institution means for as who work and live here. Mr Jachiel Bar Chaim visited us and seen how this institution works and how we disabled people can contribute to the society. You are recognized importance of this institution and decided to help us. By approving us a loan for buying new printing machines that are necessary for us to survive on market. That loan is fulfilled his purpose, and we already see benefits.

One man sad once: "*When we help others, actually we help to us*".
Because we becoming better person.

So I think that this world desperately need more people like Dr Alfred Bader and other people with vision of better and more human world today more than ever.

Sincerely,

in front of "Zavod distroficara"
Bojana Vukotic
BANJA LUKA
Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Dear Dr.Bader

On behalf of a group of non-sectarian participants (children at risk who attended the Pirovac summer camps in 2004 and 2005, I would like to express our gratitude for the opportunity to do a great work.

The children at risk coming to Pirovac on the Adriatic Coast were (some for the first time) at the seaside, treated with friendliness and with dignity, and well nourished.

They had a possibility to learn about moral values. Every day, through the activity or through Jewish folk dance they found a non competitive way of gathering. The non-official learning through non-verbal language aroused their interest, so they were much enthusiastic for this activity and listened more carefully to the message we gave them, than in any other way.

Work with these children continues also through the year but the real success, in my opinion, is that two of those children, thanks to this project, are not at risk any more. They became good pupils in their elementary schools and worthy dancers in the Jewish Community. Their names are Petra and Dejan.

Neda Wiesler
Leader of project "Education through Jewish folk dance"

