



In response to your e-mail of yesterday I am faxing you my Menu of 11 talks.

Of your suggestions, all are fine except that I do not know what to talk about on Friday evening. I already gave my lecture #11 and the Torah portion that weekend, NASO is singularly difficult. The Haftorah is that delightful story of Samson's parents but I have a terrible voice and an even worse Veccive feeling and so could not read the Haftorah.

You will let me know in time what I am to talk about at the Harvard Club.

Please ask Professor Sejbal to have the students' thank you notes given to me while I am in Prague. I am all for saving postage.

Of the lessons to be drawn from *The Arabian Nights* I like #7 best. I am not really a man of noble character, though I try to be the best I can be, and I am certainly looked after by a very savvy and truly good woman.

We will have to decide how to proceed with the Loschmidt Chair. I had long discussions about this with Professor Kocovsky in Glasgow, who told me that the Masaryk University has two problems: Almost all chemists would much prefer living in Prague rather than in Brno, and the faculty in Brno has a lot of dead wood. The latter I did not know.

I look forward to discussing all this with you on Tuesday, March 25, in London.

With best wishes I remain

Yours sincerely, Alfred Bader

Yechiel Bar-Chaim wrote:

Dear Alfred,
Delighted to have your dates for Brno and Prague and to see that Martina has already snapped you up for one lecture.
Please can you send me your latest list of possible lecture topics?
What I have in mind for starters is as follows:
A lecture to the Harvard Club as proposed by the American Ambassador
A masked children's, "Carnival" re-opening the playground
at the Special Education school you are helping restore after the floods in the Prague neighborhood of Karlin
A Friday night sermon at Beit Simcha where you spoke last year
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for the week?)

(Would you agree to present the Haftorah

Post.

A newspaper interview with the English-language Prague

Do I have your authorization to proceed?

Please see below the attached report from Professor Sejbal on the Czech Chemistry Olympiad. To what address would you like any thank-yous sent?

So many years down the road and I still find myself entranced/enthralled by the challenge of understanding --- and appreciating --- cultural differences. Please find attached my latest effort to decipher the code.

warmest regards to you and Isabel,

yechiel

----Original Message----From: Jan Sejbal [mailto:sejbal@natur.cuni.cz] Sent: 04 February 2003 12:26 To: Yechiel Bar Chaim Subject: National CHO

Dear Yechiel, The National round of Chemistry Olympiad had been finished last week and so I would like to inform you about it. 5000 USD are aprox. 150 000 CZK we spent 15 000 CZK for books for regional rounds of CHO 15 000 CZK for books for national round of CHO 10 times 11 000 CZK (9 000 CZK after tax) for 5 best competitors and their teachers and we suppose to spend about 8 000 CZK for books for two round selection for international CHO (13 students in first round, 8 students in second round, 4 students will be selected) Remaining (about 1000 - 4000 CZK) will be transferred to next year. Now regional rounds of lower categories are in progress, when finished and after completion of accountation I will send you all materials.

Some students and teachers would like to send personal thanks to dr. Bader and I have not his address. Please, would you kindly send me this address?

Looking forward to hear from you,

Sincerely

Sejbal





LESSONS DRAWN FROM THE ARABIAN NIGHTS

1. <u>Things are not what they seem.</u>

The framework story of Scheherezade takes place in Persia. So why is the tale known as <u>The Arabian Nights</u>?

2. <u>Seemingly innocent gestures can get you into a lot of trouble.</u>

A merchant eating dates in the shade of a tree --- and throwing away the pits here and there --- is charged with thereby killing the son of a genii.

3. <u>Saving someone's life can cost you your own --- a good deed is never left</u> <u>unrevenged.</u>

A genii freed by a poor fisherman from the vessel in which he has been imprisoned is about to take the life of his liberator.

4. <u>Success invites envy and jealousy---</u> <u>and plotting against one's well-being ---- even on the part of those who (we would</u> <u>think) ought to be pleased at a loved one's good fortune.</u>

Part of the text and subtext throughout.

5. Extend hospitality at your own risk --- guests can be murderers in disguise.

Re-read with delight the tale of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves."

6. Accept entry into a foreign culture and pay the consequences

The immortal Sinbad the Sailor is happily married in a strange land until his wife dies and he learns that the custom there is to bury the surviving spouse alive.

7. <u>A man of noble character cannot survive unless he has magical protection or</u> (better yet) a very savvy woman to look after him.

In the tale of "Prince Ahmed and Periebanou", the Prince declares,

"as I do not remember I ever did, or designed to do, anybody injury, I cannot believe anyone can have a thought of injuring me. But if they have, I shall not forbear doing good whenever I have an opportunity."



As the story makes clear this proverbial babe in the woods is headed straight for ruin as a direct result of his good deeds. Fortunately his wife Periebanou is a fairy who knows the score.

A caveat: these lessons are drawn from reading a children's edition of the <u>Arabian</u> <u>Nights.</u> I am now searching for a version for adults.

> Yechiel 4 February 2003



Subject: Re: HOTEL UNGELT - Prague From: Alfred Bader Fine Arts <baderfa@execpc.com> Date: Fri, 21 Feb 2003 11:20:36 -0600 To: Yechiel Bar-Chaim <vechiel@jdcparis.org>

Dear Yechiel,

Thank you so much for your e-mail of yesterday.

The two essays you sent are most interesting.

It would indeed be good if you could be with us during our discussions in Brno.

There is a very able Czech chemist teaching at Glasgow University, Professor Kocovsky, and I have been helping him by giving bursaries for three of his Czech students studying with him in Glasgow. I asked him for his help in finding a Loschmidt Chair for Brno and his reasoning surprised me. He told me that few chemists would want to leave Prague to come to Brno and, perhaps more important, the chemists in Brno are so incompetent. That I did not know. Let me quote from his e-mail:

Dear Dr. Bader, I hope my intervention will help. Relocation from Prague is one factor, and the personalities of various faculty in Brno is another. I was trying to persuade Prof. Potacek to invite Milan Pour to visit Brno and have chat - an absolutely normal procedure that would be applied everywhere. Not with Potacek: "It is up to the panel to select the candidate and I am not going to promise to him heaven on earth if I do not known who's gonna get it" - said he. With this approach, he may never fill the chair. Perhaps, there might be another reason for handling the affair the way they do - he and his colleagues may be reluctant to bring an intruder into their foulsmelling cosy environment. Should you, in the future, decide to establish a similar chair in Pra gue, I am sure it would go smoothly. I am unlikely to be in Prague this summer - we spent Xmas there (first after 14 years). You will be most welcome here in Glasgow in November/December. We shall have a new Principal by then, so that you will be able to meet him. However, this will need some planning. Therefore, I would appreciate if you would advise me of your plans well in advance. I remain, with best wishes, Pavel Kocovsky

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We have now sent them 40,000 and I certainly do not want to continue that until they have found a good Chair.

Now to turn to your plans: If you can schedule the carnival on Friday afternoon with a meeting with Alan Levy just before or after, that will be fine. I look forward to the evening and listening to your speech.

Saturday morning we plan to go to the Lubavitch Synagogue. Saturday afternoon or Sunday I would like to meet with Milena and it would be good if we could meet with some of the c hemists, say with Professor Paleta and one of the Olympiad organizers on Monday. I will contact Professor Paleta and perhaps you could ask the Olympiad organizers whether they would like to meet with us.

Prince Lobkowicz travels a good deal and I will ask him whether he will have a little time sometime between Sunday morning and Tuesday evening, of course giving him my schedule.

You will want to return home, I presume, on Saturday and we know Prague well enough to find our way around.

Regarding our meeting on Tuesday morning, March 25th, my train from Bexhill arrives at Victoria Station at 10:30 AM but you know what British trains are like, they are sometimes quite late. Let's plan to meet at the World Jewish Relief office at 11:15 AM and I will ask my old friend, Ralph Emanuel, to join us.

With fond regards, Alfred

P.S. Many thanks to Ms. Kiel for her efforts in researching the Ungelt - our reservations are made and now conf irmed.

Yechiel Bar-Chaim wrote:

20 Feb. 2003

Dear Dr. Bader,

At the request of Mr. Bar-Chaim and per your email to him of yesterday, I called Hotel UNGELT to make sure that the "facilities" in the 4-person apartment are according to your wishes. I received confirmation that access to the "facilities" is thru the apartment entrance -- in other words, they are separate (not inside the bathroom) and can be accessed from each bedroom without passing thru the other one.

I understand that Mr. Matous made today the reservation for you and your relatives from 13 thru 18 June however the hotel couldn't find a reservation



in your name for that period. This is why I'm copying Mr. Matous on this correspondence to make sure all is in order (maybe the hotel is waiting to receive your credit card number before booking the apartment "for good").

Should there be any problem, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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Subject: Relying on the Prince From: "Yechiel Bar-Chaim" <yechiel@jdcparis.org> Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2003 08:18:02 -0000 To: "Alfred BADER \(E-mail\)" <baderfa@execpc.com>

19 February 2003

Dear Alfred,

Glad you are all in the clear, although in truth I was hoping for/half expecting something more momentous and dramatic than an unjustified traffic ticket. Still, as Stendahl has observed, God is (also) in the small things.

Let me share with you two texts that you might find interesting. One is my own, the preface to a book on what happened to the Jews of Croatia during World War II, and the second is by a remarkable young man, Stefan Sablic, --- a chazzan and musician and theater director from Belgrade whom I sent to the Tunisian island of Djerba for two weeks to live and study with Jaakob Bchiri there. Mr. Bchiri, whose picture is found in an accompany e-mail, is a fabled oud player and singer of songs in Hebrew and Judeo-Arab.

I am thinking of meeting up with you and Isabel in Brno on the 11th. I need to visit the Jewish Community there and see the Roma handicrafts shop that Nadace Via is discussing with me. If the Brno Art History projects appeal to you, I might also join you for any related meetings, if you like.

As to our time in Prague, I will count on the readiness of the good prince to see you early the next week. Actually the Director of the Jewish Old Age Home in Prague was one of the main activists working for the Prince's political party in the least elections, but she has now gone off politics, she says.

Other observations concerning June:

Accept that no meeting with Nadace Via is necessary. I am working with Tana Hlavata to have the additional Roma proposals ready by March in any event.

As soon as I see the fax with your speech topics, I will write to Ambassador Stapleton about the Harvard Club. I hope that Friday lunch will be suitable.

Karlin is the Prague neighborhood worst hit by the flood. It is located just beyond the Florenc Metro Station. I will now see if the children would like to do the Carnival on Friday afternoon. And then will coordinate meeting with Alan Levy.

Do you want me to set up any meetings on Monday or Tuesday with the chemists in Prague?

I will try to make sure that this time you have some personal meeting with Milena Bartlova, and of course Martina Soskova you are set to see on Tuesday afternoon.

Each bedroom at the Ungelt has independent access to the loo so we will proceed to reserve the rooms as you request. (Will also make a further attempt for a discount).

Warmest regards to you and Isabel,

Yechiel

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P.S. Per your suggestion, let's meet at WJR at a time of your choosing on the morning of the 25th. I'll reserve the space.

-----Original Message-----From: Alfred Bader Fine Arts [mailto:baderfa@execpc.com] Sent: 17 February 2003 22:37 To: Yechiel Bar Chaim Subject: Visit

Dear Yechiel,

Two visitors from Canada over the weekend and a great many business problems have delayed my responding to your e-mail of February 14th.

Isabel and I spent an interesting hour in Municipal Court because we were given a traffic ticket which was totally unjustified and we could prove this to the Judge, who dismissed the case. There is this ugly American saying "Time is money" and that our time in Court is worth more than the \$20 that was demanded of us. But time really is not money; even the wealthiest fellow cannot buy more time and justice you shall seek.

We had planned to drive from Pardubice to Prague on Friday morning, June 13th, and possibly staying to visit Prince Lobkowicz on the way. But if the Prince, who is a very likeable fellow with great paintings, could see us on the Monday or Tuesday following, that would be just as good and we could undoubtedly take a train or bus from Prague to his Castle. Anyway, we could be with you on Friday noon and then enjoy your company through the evening.

I don't think that there is any need to visit with the leadership of Nadace Via because I know what they are doing and they know me.

Lunch at the Harvard Club together with you and the American Ambassador would be fine, though I might be tempted to stress that I did not vote for President Bush. But why should I give a speech, and what about?

I have no idea where Karlin is, nor why we should be honored by a special carnival ceremony. I would probably enjoy an interview with Alan Levy, the Editor of the Prague Post and I would certainly enjoy an hour or two at the Beit Simcha and listen to you. We will probably want to bring Isabel's sister, Marion, a lovely lady of about 80, and her daughter, Margaret, a widow and nurse of a little over 50. I am so glad that you got to speak to Adina Shapiro, who is as able as she is likeable, and of course my best friend's granddaughter.

I am asking Ann to fax you the Menu of my talks. #11 you heard at Beit Simcha last year and the talk on the Rembrandt Research Project I will give on the afternoon of June 17th.

Eventually please do not forget to let me know where we can meet on Tuesday, March 25th. Either Waterloo Station or the WJR late in the morning would be fine.

With all good wishes I remain Yours sincerely, Alfred



As both March 24 and 25 are convenient to you, let us pick meeting on Tuesday morning, March 25th. Please let me know where we should meet.

There has been a slight change to my plans to visit the continent.

We plan to be in Vienna from June 2nd-11th and then come to Brno for one day, leaving the next morning, Thursday, June 12th.

We then plan to be in Prague from the 13th until the morning of the 18th.

As you will see from the e-mail forwarded to you, Martina Soskova has invited me to speak to the Friends of the National Gallery and my reply to her will be self-explanatory.

With best wishes, Alfred



Here is the second installment of my reply to you. I have now spoken at length with Daniel who assures me that there is no overlap between your efforts in Israel and that of the Helen Bader Foundation. Also, I have talked with Adina Shapiro in Jerusalem who would very much like to know who the people at the Joint are who are working to help Arab and Bedouin woman. Adina's e-mail is meca@netvision.il and her telephone number is 972 2 566 3870.

To turn now to your suggestions: Of course I would like to help the Roma in Jerusalem and I will add \$12,000 to my next check.

With today's turmoil on the West Bank, I would not like to be involved with Palestinian women suffering from breast cancer. Nor am I interested in being involved with Morocco. I don't know how many countries there are in Africa like Morocco where financial help would be useful, but I think that it is more important to concentrate on efforts in Israel.

We'l would like to discuss with you your suggestions of \$30,000 each for Arab women and Bedouin women and \$54,000 for vocational training for Druze. Can the decision on these \$114,000 wait until we meet in London in March or is it important that the decision be made before?

Please let me know and also tell me the exact day we can meet in London so that I can make my travel plans.

With all good wishes I remain

Yours sincerely, Alfred Bader

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Dear Adina,

As you perhaps know, Isabel and I work with Yechiel Bar-Chaim of the Joint on a great many efforts, in the past particularly in the Czech Republic and in the Balkans.

Now, however, in his e-mail of December 24th, Yechiel has suggested a number of efforts in Israel.

Could you please look these over and tell me what you think of them. Also, I am of course asking Daniel to see if there is any overlap with the Helen Bader Foundation's efforts in Israel and I would like to ask you whether there is any overlap with your efforts.

With fond regards as always, Alfred Bader

24 December 2002

Dear Alfred,

This time I want to write to you about current and possibly new projects concerning Israel, especially with respect to possibilities to promote the economic progress of Arab, Bedouin, Roma, and Druze women.

Your Earmarked Donations in 2002

In Israel you designated support for entrepreneurship and vocational training for women from minority ethnic or national groups. Your aim: to help individuals overcome a double set of obstacles to economic well-being.

As a result, previously deprived women can now be successful economically in their own right. Second their first steps towards economic emancipation have, it seems, caused ferment in their own societies as to the future status of women.

I show below the amounts that will help the JOINT extend these benefits to additional women in 2003 and heighten the impact of initiatives.

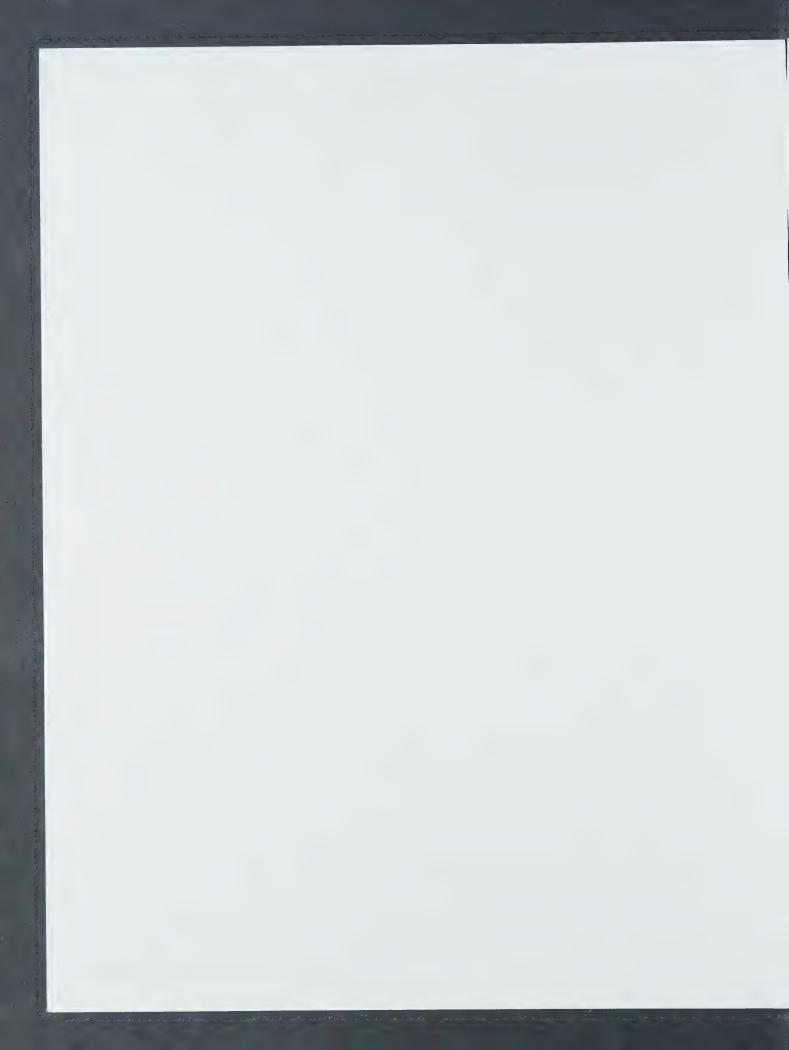
Arab Women \$ 30,000

This project comprised a number of different elements, such as workshops for women who own their own businesses, a club and support group for such women; an annual conference for women business owners from the Arab sector; and (primarily) training for those Arab women who wish to open pre-school child-care facilities. Your donation covered approximately 80% of these costs with JDC providing the rest.

Bedouin Women \$ 30,000

Twenty-four women were trained in photography, editing and entrepreneurship and five have gone on to set up their own businesses. One hundred Bedouin women, some already in business, were also trained in small business entrepreneurship. Your grant covered @75% of the costs with JDC .

It will interest you to know that Israeli Television actually filmed this project and the ripples it created within Bedouin society. I hope to receive a copy of the film shortly.



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Roma in Jerusalem (men and women) \$ 12,000

Here you financed a path-breaking effort to improve the welfare of the small community of Roma in East Jerusalem. Just establishing the contact in this time of war was in itself an important, if risky, achievement.

Despite any number of obstacles --- including taboos against women working within the community --- ten women completed a 200 hour training course in cosmetics and 11 men and women learned how to operate a catering business in training that lasted 88 hours.

My collegues are now arranging for the successful graduates who wish to oopen their own businesses to have access to subsidized loan credit. The \$12,000 requested for 2003 is to finance mentoring for those Roma graduates who will actually take out loans to begin their own small businesses. Each individual who succeeds will be showing the way to the others.

Please note that as you prefer the total for these projects is an integral multiple of "chai."

Donations from the Discretionary Funds

In Prague you made it Bohemian crystal clear to me that in the future you do not want me to use your discretionary funds to support entrepreneurship and vocational training of Jews in Israel. Please know that the programs implemented with the funds I had already sent at the time (which helped primarily Ethiopian immigrant women in six localities to learn to set up pre-school child care nurseries and then trained unemployed Russian immigrant musicians to find work in such day care facilities.

No further discretionary funds were used to finance programs in Israel. I now send you all new ideas for expenditure ahead of time for approval.

New Projects

Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training for Druze Women \$ 54,000*

The JOINT has launched a far-reaching program to help the Druze population in Israel. For this purpose Mr. Henry Everett has made a gift --- which must be matched--- of \$2 million. The entire project is focused on raising the level of educational achievement among the Druze, but there is at present no funding for your special field: entrepreneurship and vocational training for Druze women.

We hope to repeat among the Druze our signal experience in training women from other minorities, concentrating on child care and infant nurseries; photography; cosmetics; and catering.

* Per your request my colleagues have agreed to adjust the budget so that it can be a multiple of "chai" (18).

Helping Palestinian Women Who Suffer from Breast Cancer \$18,000

I believe that my esteemed colleague in Jerusalem, Tammy Barnea, with



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whom you have worked before, has kept you informed about a major project (COPE) concerning breast cancer in Palestinian women. The key element in next year's program is to purchase and operate a mobile mammography unit to detect the disease in areas where Palestinian women do not have easy access to normal medical care (including those women who cannot reach stationary mammography units due to the roadblocks and other travel restrictions imposed by the fighting).

Out of the overall budget for this project --- hundreds of thousands of dollars --- I chose to recommend for your support the cost of acquiring breast protheses and special brassieres for women who have undergone breast removal surgery. The cost to help each such woman is about \$300. According to the program, a donation of \$18,000 should cover the needs for just over the first year.

Due to existing social and political conditions in these areas of operations, please know that the benefits will be received, but the beneficiaries may not know in the end that this help is from the Jews.

A Project for Moroccan-Israeli Cooperation

The JOINT, in cooperation with the Jews of Morocco and the King Mohammed VI, is trying to launch a highly-valued program of non-sectarian aid there. The project calls for creating a workshop that will produce equipment for the disabled. Then a center for loaning such equipment will be created based on the Yad Sarah approach in Israel.

The local costs will be covered by the Moroccans. Being sought is \$27,000 per year for two years to cover the costs of using Israeli experts and manuals to train and supervise the Moroccan personnel who will be running the project.*

Circumstances being what they currently are in the Middle East, no one can make broad claims for the impact of these last two projects on relations between Arabs and Israelis. To support them is to make an effort, against all odds, to keep hope alive and to build even a small basis for cooperation when a better day comes.

"We live on hope," my mother's rabbi once told me. "One must imagine Sisyphus happy," wrote Camus if memory serves.

What I can say is that our experience in Sarajevo suggests that trying to keep open the smallest semblance of common humanity can one day make a difference. Your call.

Warmest regards to you and Isabel,

Yechiel



Subject: RE: Efforts in Israel From: Adina Shapiro <meca@netvision.net.il> Date: Thu, 09 Jan 2003 00:24:44 +0200

To: Alfred Bader Fine Arts <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred,

Thank you for your email, and I as we discussed I will be in touch with Yichiel Bar Haim to inquire about the specifics of the projects which he recommended.

As for what has become known as the "Bader Projects", here are some of my thoughts with regard to future funding in the Jewsih - Arab field within Israel. As I believe I mentioned to you in the past, I am somewhat concerned about the multitude of projects with regard to Jewish - Arab relationships specifically in this time. I wonder how one can best make an impact.

There seem to be two conflicting trends currently within Israel. The first is the tendency of the Arab Israelis to denounce the Jewsih establishment in Israel and to oppose Israel as a Jewish state and possibly even the legitimacy of its existence. Even if this is not reflective of everyone, it is clearly a very noticable movement. The other trend is the ongoing discrimination against Arabs in recieving support through the State viihacles.

As such, I noted several challneges towards any current funder in the field: 1) how to make sure that support goes to empworing the Arab sector in Israel and building their infrastructure? 2) how to make sure that this infrastructure does not create an opposition to the State? 3) how to make sure that the donor does not assist the state in relinquishing their own responsiblities towards the Arab sector?

In addressing these questions, I believe that any funding should be linked to somekind of ongoing discourse with government representatives. Please note that I am not referring to the political level , but rather to the proffessional level of the various government offices...

I am currently trying to think what would be the appropriate ways to strategically approach these goals -I would recommend to address an array of different orginizations (similar to those which you have contributed to in the past), yet to do so with the specific request of cooperating with government officials and possibly even requesting that they provide matching funds.

As I mentioned, one of the areas which i am specifically interested in is in developing the public libraries in Israel. These are, as I see them, a crucial element in providing education (and in our days, access to information) for all elements of society. Literacy, is an important aspect, as I see it, in training a future generation.

Anyway, besides this aspect there are many more areas which can be explored. Please let me know if you are interested in me continuing to further explore what can be done on this level....

All the best, and please send my love to Isabel, Adina

-----Original Message-----From: Alfred Bader Fine Arts [<u>mailto:baderfa@execpc.com</u>] Sent: Monday, January 06, 2003 10:08 PM To: Adina Shapiro Subject: Efforts in Israel



Thank you for your e-mail of today.

By all means use \$20,000 of your discretionary fund if the People in Need can obtain matching funds. They strike me as very good people but also that they have plenty of money. During the last few years I gave them \$10,000 each year but this year they didn't ask me and I just assumed that their coffers were full.

You know that I hope to meet with you in London to enlarge your discretionary fund.

You will recall that sometime ago I gave almost \$1 million to a Philanthropic Fund and at the beginning this was declining rapidly. Then, thanks to you, they changed this from a stock fund to a bond fund which I naively assumed could not lose any money, but would accumulate relatively small bond interest. Imagine my surprise when I just received a statement from Mr. Neil Malmud that in September alone the fund lost \$47,043.

Last year I planned to give the Joint about another million dollars to put into this fund which, as you know, I have not touched and don't plan to touch. Whatever comes up I simply handle by checks through you. But to lose over \$47,000 in one month is discouraging.

Fond regards, Alfred

Yechiel Bar Chaim wrote:

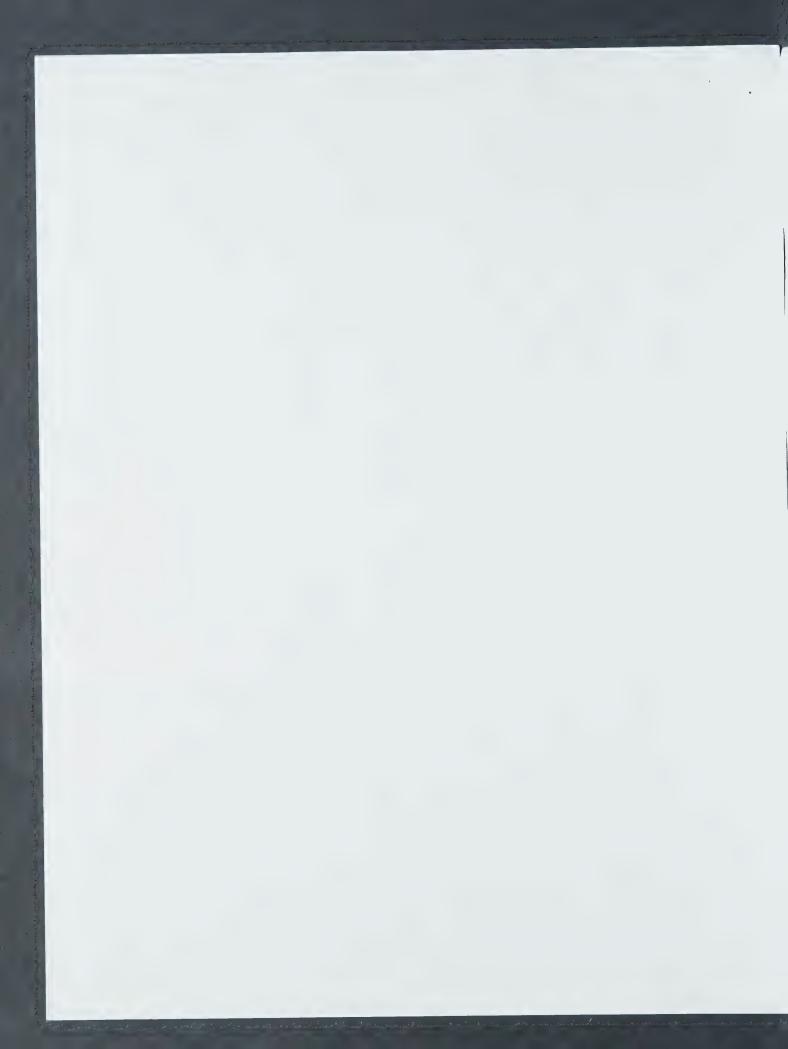
8 October 2002 Dear Dr. Bader, Attached please find a letter from Mr. Bar-Chaim who is presently traveling. Best regards, Germaine Keil, assistant

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Subject: ATTACHED LETTER ABOUT KARLIN SCHOOL AND PEOPLE IN NEED From: "Yechiel Bar Chaim" <yechiel@jdcparis.org> Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 13:18:15 +0100 To: "Alfred BADER \(E-mail\)" <baderfa@execpc.com>

8 October 2002

Dear Dr. Bader,

Attached please find a letter from Mr. Bar-Chaim who is presently traveling.

Eest regards,

Germaine Keil, assistant

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TO: Alfred Bader

FROM: Neil Malmud

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RE: Status of Alfred and Isabel Bader Philanthropic Fund as of9/30/02

DATE: Oct. 2, 2002

Beginning Balance 9/1/02		\$855,326
Additions		
Withdrawals	0	
Net Activity		\$855,326
JDC Fund Performance Sept. 2002		-\$47,043
Ending Balance 9/30/02		\$808,283

* Based on JDC Fund Performance of <5.5%> on Bond Portfolio in Sept. 2002 Year-to-Date Fund Performance is <16.7%> on Bond Portfolio after fees.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 212-885-0855.





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8 October 2002

Dr. Alfred Bader 824 East Juneau, Suite 622 Milwaukee, WI 53202)

Dear Alfred,

I follow with interest the efforts to find a suitable Chemistry Professor for Brno.

Can report to you from Prague that an Alchemy exhibit has opened right next door to where you and Isabel stayed.

Very much caught up in organizing JDC's sectarian and non-sectarian response to the floods there.

There is one Special Education School (a euphemism I trust you are familiar with) in the Karlin neighborhood that was badly destroyed by 2-3 meters of floodwaters pouring through. There are 90 pupils aged 5-15 -- 80% are Roma. The children are dispersed now. When the first \$25,000 worth of repairs are made (all the funds available for now), the children will start studying on the second floor in two shifts.

I am working through People-in-Need for all our non-sectarian projects. I see from the list of supporters that you also have confidence in their abilities.

If People-in-Need can obtain a matching funds agreement, would you allow me to invest \$20,000 from the discretionary funds you have donated in this project? (People-in-Need takes nothing for its own costs). I would very much like to.

The Karlin neighborhood is the worst affected area in all of the Czech Republic, so you can imagine what life is like there for the Roma residents. These intellectually and socially deprived children (and their families) need the school. What do you say?

Sincerely yours,

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19 December 2002

Dear Alfred,

Please see the two attachments. They are especially for you.

Warmest regards,

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Presentation at the JDC-IDP Committee Meeting of December 8, 2002

by

Yechiel Bar-Chaim, Country Director for the Czech Republic, Algeria, Tunisia, and the Former Yugoslavia

Thank you for inviting me to speak to you today.

I am making two presentations this morning. The first can be found in writing on the table in the rear of the room. It is a lecture called "Philo-Semitism and Anti-Semitism in the Balkans: Reflections of a Field Worker." There is a very important section on our work with La Benevolencija (the humanitarian arm of the Sarajevo Jewish Community) and how international development projects and non-sectarian work fit in with the priorities and the life of that Jewish community.

Now for today's presentation.

Anyone who gets involved in non-sectarian work is obliged to think back to where it all began. Frankly, I would place it with Joseph, who stored away tremendous quantities of wheat during the seven fat years, and then fed all of Egypt during the seven lean years. By the way the story is told in Genesis, it is clear that the whole purpose of his work, of his being in Egypt, was ultimately to benefit the Jewish community—his father, his brothers, and their offspring. I believe that this is the test for any non-sectarian work that we do. It is also worth remembering that for as long as the non-sectarian work of Joseph was remembered, Jews were safe in Egypt. Only when a later Pharaoh forgot Joseph were Jews enslaved.

The bulk of JDC's work, and its main focus, is on strengthening Jewish communities from within—Jews working, living, praying, and studying with Jews. And then we have IDP, which translates as selective projects aimed at improving the material well being of non-Jews. It is somewhat jarring. What's the connection? If our self-definition is to work with Jewish communities internally, how do we relate to this other area of activity? What can possibly be the place of work that helps non-Jews?

The point that I want to make today is that IDP and non-sectarian work is a necessity, and it is a necessity *before* it becomes a virtue. I want to spend my time with you explaining why it is a necessity, and then give a few examples from the work we've done.



In order to understand just how essential non-sectarian work is, I invite you to take a clear, realistic look at the Jews living in the countries in which I work: the Czech Republic and the former Yugoslavia. These are small Jewish populations. They are intermarried virtually one hundred percent. First the Nazis and then the Communists destroyed any basis for a self-contained religious community. When it comes to work, play, romance, politics, anything and everything that life consists of, these Jews live within the general society. They have studied in the general society; they think in the terms of the national myths and traditions of the people among whom they live; and they are part of the surrounding culture.

I was reading that some rabbis never forgave Napoleon for liberating the Jews, but whether we like it or not, it is a fact, and we need to look at its consequences even if we are 200 years down the line.

What hasn't changed, and may be even more pronounced, is that the Jews in these communities are still exceedingly visible. Everybody knows that they are there. In Macedonia, we have 200 Jews in a population of 2 million, but even so they are still in the public eye. Sometimes they are watched out of mistrust; sometimes out of fear; sometimes out of respect; sometimes out of the notion that Jews are some kind of mythological creatures. We have all these ties to other people elsewhere in the world. We have these sources of information. We have this access to the center of power. Suddenly Germany wants to sell Israel tanks as a way of making up to George Bush. It must be said that even the anti-Semites did us a kind of back-handed favor in that people sometimes really believe the <u>Protocols of Zion</u>, not necessarily the malevolent intent of Jews, but this tremendous power that they (we) allegedly have.

And then I ask you: What would happen to these integrated, assimilated, yet visible, feared and respected Jewish communities if these communities stood aloof from their countries' problems? Did nothing for anyone outside of their own communities? What lessons would those societies draw about the Jews? What would that do to the standing of Jews in their own societies?

Think about a soldier who receives a huge "CARE package" from home, with all kinds of food. It is inconceivable that he would not share it with his buddies. I am trying to get at the psychological aspect of why everybody wants Jews to pay attention to the problems in the society around them. If you look at my first presentation, you will see what tremendous expressions of appreciation this non-sectarian work that we did through La Benevolencija elicited, including from the Pope and a series of governments.

The second point is that the people who best understand what I have been trying to say to you are the Jewish communities themselves. I hope I don't surprise you by saying that the first impetus for the non-sectarian work that I have become involved in has been at the request of the local Jewish communities.

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I hope that Mrs. Hassenfeld remembers Zagreb in October 1992. This was six months into the war in Bosnia. We had completed most of the air and land evacuations from the Sarajevo Jewish Community, and Mrs. Hassenfeld, who was then President of the Joint, was in Zagreb to rededicate the community center, which had been bombed earlier.

The leaders from the Sarajevo Jewish Community had managed to come to Zagreb for the occasion, and they asked for a meeting. We sat down, and they set out the following picture:

"We Jews are trusted in Sarajevo. We have our historical roots there. Everyone looks to us. We can be a vehicle for bringing aid. This will be good for everyone, and will also protect us. But we don't have any resources. Will you bankroll us?"

We said yes, set up warehouses in Split, offered our services to a wide variety of donors, and began the extraordinary work.

The same can be said in Yugoslavia. Yugoslavia is facing a new wave of anti-Semitism coming out of the war, the collapse of Communism, and the general instability. The Federation leader is strong, and does only what he wants to do. He is interested in taking care of the rights of survivors; so they are taken care of. He doesn't know what to do with the rabbi; so the rabbi manages on his own. This man has embraced nonsectarian activities, which we have been able to carry out thanks to the generosity of Dr. Alfred Bader. Dr. Bader had political objections to the Serbian regime, so we only help children, sending in food and humanitarian supplies to refugee children from the Bosnian war, the war in Croatia, and the war in Kosovo. We have been doing this now for the past year and a half, and we will be doing more.

The most recent example concerns the floods in the Czech Republic. Tomas Jelinek, the young, dynamic President of the Prague Jewish Community, said to me:

"Look, I don't know how to say this, but President Havel comes and visits the Jewish Cemetery where some trees have to be uprooted, and the United States Ambassador comes to see us and organizes a gala concert for the Terezin Memorial (the museum complex memorializing the Thereisenstadt concentration camp) to deal with the damages there, and all the Western newspapers are writing about us, and it puts us in a funny situation because our damages are actually relatively small. We are not even in the area that was covered by the water. We just had our drains backed up and flooding in our basements. The rest of the public sees us getting all this attention and all this help, and they are really hurting. We took money that we don't have and made a public donation to some schools in the Prague neighborhood of Karlin, which was covered by two meters of water. If you can, if you have access to this kind of support, please work with us to do the same thing."



And so with the help of a large donation from the Weinberg Foundation and smaller donations from a number of different stateside federations, including Minneapolis, and with the guidance of the U.S. Ambassador and his staff, we undertook three non-sectarian projects:

In Karlin, there is a complex of five schools, with a central dining hall. Six or seven hundred children would get lunch at this dining hall. Of course, it was completely out of commission. Its repair was a priority. Families would not come back and live in the neighborhood or send their children to school if they could not eat. Just this past week, the dining hall was reopened with our help and, in the spring, the kitchen will be re-equipped. (Currently, they bring the food in from the outside.)

Also in this complex is a Special Education School, which serves retarded and intellectually under-stimulated children. About 80-90% of these children are Roma (Gypsies). The school belongs to the City of Prague, and not to the municipality or local ward. Given the other demands on the budget, no one was going to pay to repair that school.

I asked Dr. Bader if he would let me use \$20,000, for which I would somehow find matching funds, to make additional repairs on this school. He said yes, but what I didn't count on was the Director of the School, who took my promise, went to the City, and started badgering them: "I've got \$20,000, if you can match it! Where's my money? Give me the money. I have to get the school back in operation." They finally voted the entire \$200,000 that was needed to fix up the school.

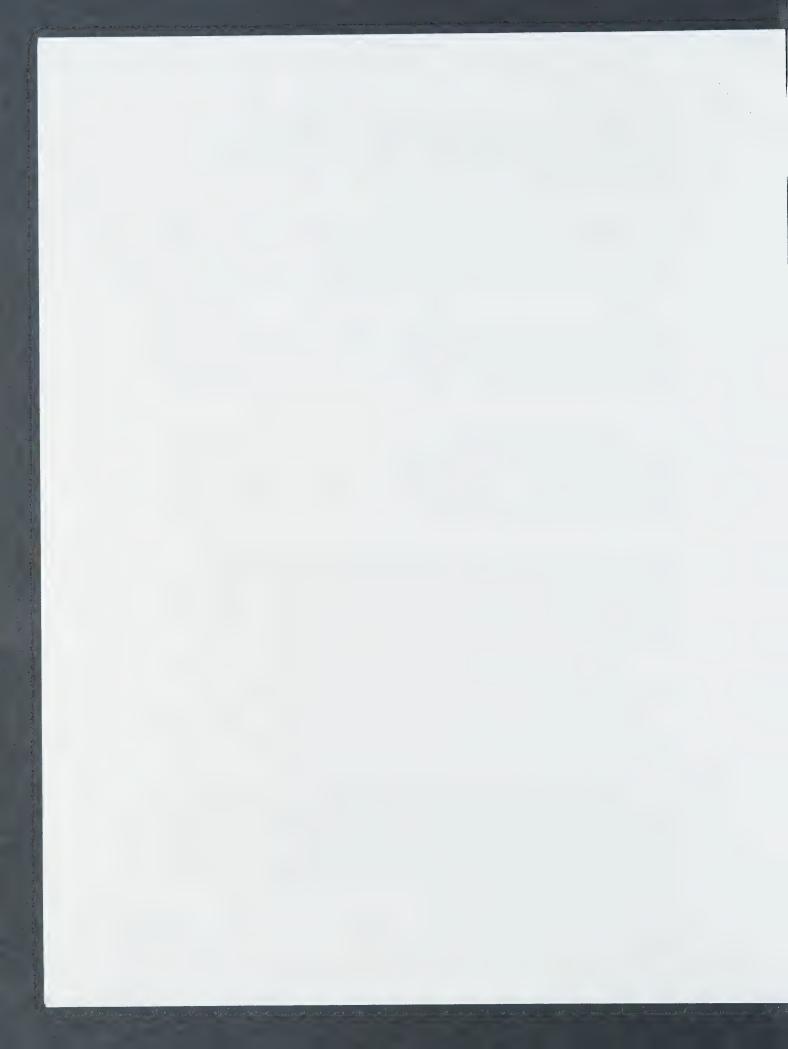
Dr. Bader's money will go to repair the playground. Now that sounds like something minor, but in fact this whole area has been contaminated by the floods. Decontaminating this part means removing all the topsoil, all the plants, and all the old dilapidated equipment, which should have been replaced long ago anyway. Five thousand square meters will be rebuilt, and in June, these retarded and developmentally deprived children will hold their masked Spring Carnival on this playground.

The third project has a similar dynamic. Jan Munk, who is the President of the Jewish Federation and also the Director of the Terezin Memorial said to me:

"We have tremendous losses at Terezin. There was a 14 km lake produced during the flood. But the Terezin Memorial will come through. The town of Terezin has nothing. Help me preserve cooperation."

So we found a sheltered housing project, which happened to be in the facility where Danish Jews were interned during the war. The rebuilding of the housing unit will be a three-way partnership between JDC, the Municipality, and the Preciosa Foundation (a Czech corporate foundation). At the end of April, the Danish Jewish survivors will come to dedicate a plaque there recounting the history of the site. We are trying to put it all together using as a partner a highly professional Czech NGO, People in Need, that has agreed to represent us locally at no cost.

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The lesson that I draw from this decade of involvement in combining nonsectarian work with what we do in the Jewish community is that only by helping others do we as Jews fully become citizens, with equal rights and privileges. It seems to me that this bringing together of concern for Jewish communities on the one hand and helping others on the other, is like Joseph being reunited with his brothers (the Torah portion for this coming Shabbat). Of course, this is one of the most moving passages one could ever hope to get close to, and I'd like to imagine that we are doing just that.





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Dear Alfred,

An admirer of Adlai Stevenson to boot! How good does it get?

My father thought so highly of Mr. Stevenson, and I think he never forgave John Kennedy for pushing him aside in 1960.

Thinking that you must have followed closely the progress of General Eisenhower and his armies from your internment camp in Canada during the war, I wonder how you came to shun the General and choose the man from the Land of Lincoln instead?

As promised, I will be sending you a series of e-mails (relatively short ones each time) treating the various projects in question.

In this first letter I will only treat the most veteran programs in the Czech Republic and their needs for 2003:

1. Bader Art History Prize \$16,000 + \$4,000 (?)

(Milena Bartlova needs to receive \$1,000 for expenses by mid-January to get started for the coming year)

If you agree, please add \$4,000 to this sum to permit Milena to edit and publish the lectures given at the Special Art History Seminar held last June in Prague to mark the Tenth Anniversary of the Bader Prizes. The volume will recognize the work done by the scholars and mark this important milestone. The budget also includes an editing fee for Milena who otherwise does all her work as a volunteer.

2. Bader Art History Fellowship

At the recommendation of Milena Bartlova and per your instructions, the remaining balance has been remitted to Martina Soskova.

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3. <u>Bader Chemistry Prizes</u> \$3,333

To bring one prize in line with the other, we will need \$ 3,333.

4. Czech Chemistry Olympiad \$5,000

Professor Sejbal is as conscientious as they come, a true representative of a world that has disappeared almost everywhere else.

5. Czech Roma Programs

A donation is not at all urgent. Nadace Via is only now completing implementation of your donation in 2001. The \$30,000 you donated in 2002 has only now been sent per their request.

Meanwhile two new proposals for the Roma in the Czech Republic --- growing out of our discussions with Nadace Via last June --- are in preparation. I prefer to present them to you in one package when they are ready.

Hope you and Isabel had a safe trip home and will enjoy healthy and peaceful holidays.

Sincerely yours,

Yechiel

P.S. I attach for your reading pleasure (I hope) my latest speech (in which you figure prominently). This time the audience was the JDC Board Committee for International Development Projects (IDP).

P.P.S. Following our conversation, I asked my colleague Gene Phillips to send you a complete accounting for the Bader Philanthropic Fund and to certify its slow but steady growth. Presumably you have received his charts in the meantime.

P.P.P.S. Please could you confirm for me when you will be next in London? World Jewish Relief has asked me to give an extensive presentation to their Council on 24 March. I was wondering if you would already be in London by then or soon thereafter?



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Subject: Letter Two: Current Projects in the Former Yugoslavia From: "Yechiel Bar-Chaim" <yechiel@jdcparis.org> Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2002 12:43:36 -0000 To: "Alfred BADER \(E-mail\)" <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred,

Here as promised is a second installment.

Not exactly bite-size, perhaps, but it's important to me to be able to share with you something of the trails and tribulations and not just the fanfare we all enjoy.

Shalom to you and Isabel,

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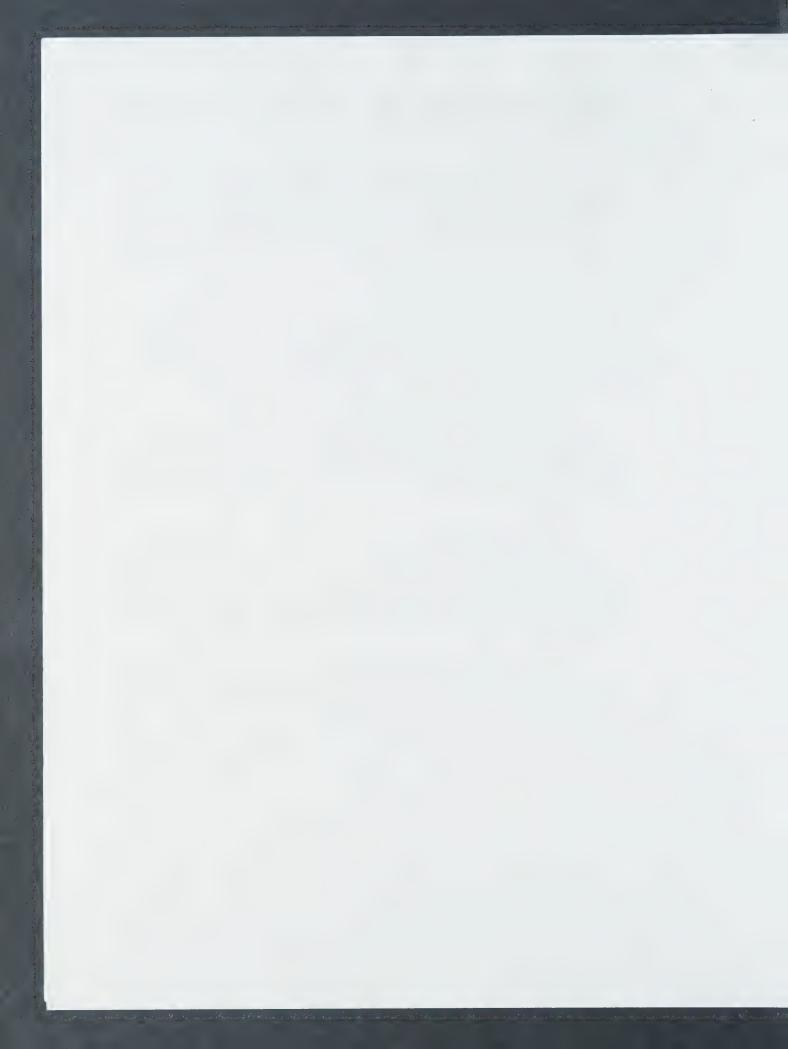
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To: Yechiel Bar-Chaim <yechiel@jdcparis.org> CC: Daniel Bader <dan@hbf.org>, Tzivia Bieler <tzivia@jdcny.org>

Dear Yechiel,

In response to your e-mail of today and to Letter #2 of December 20th:

I would like to give immediately \$50,000 for the home care for lonely, sick and poor elderly in Bosnia and \$20,000 for the soup kitchen for the non-sectarian needy in N-vi Sad.

I am immediately mailing to Tzivia Bieler my check for 70,000 with a copy of this e-mail.

I would like to pass on the entrepreneurship training simply because it seems to me that there are much needier projects.

The aid to refugee children I would like to discuss with you in March.

Please let me know soon whether I should plan to come to London on Monday, March 24th or Tuesday, March 25th, and where we are to meet.

With all good wishes I remain

Yours sincerely, Alfred

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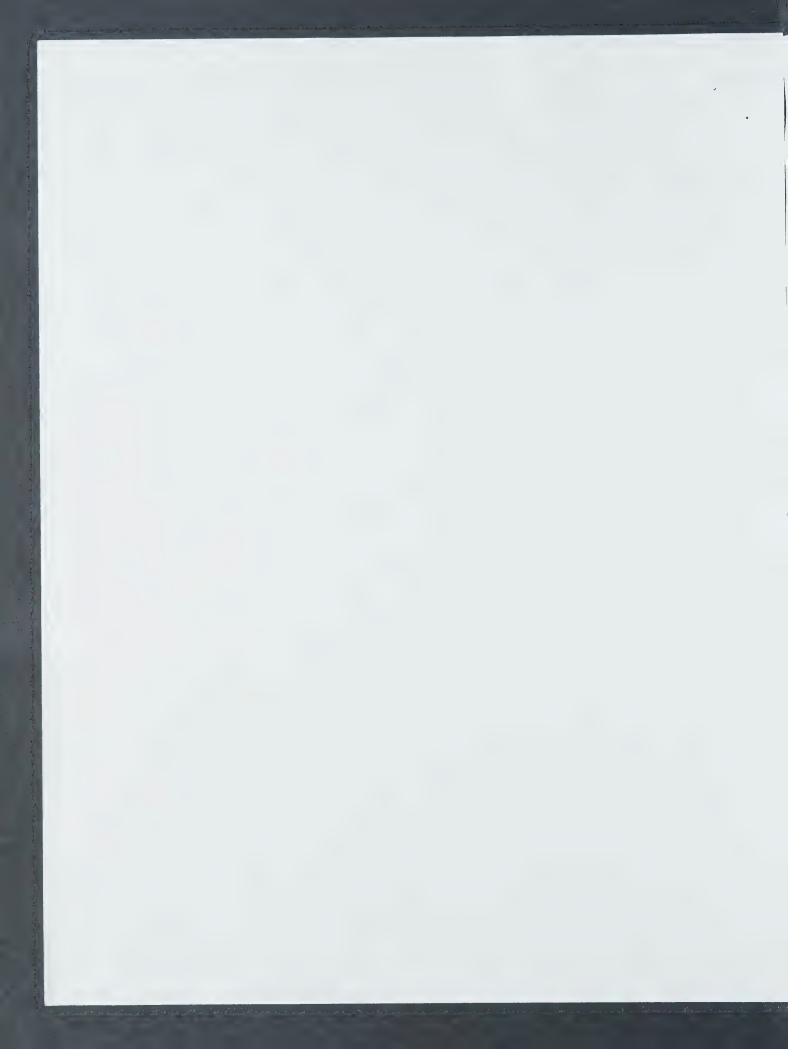
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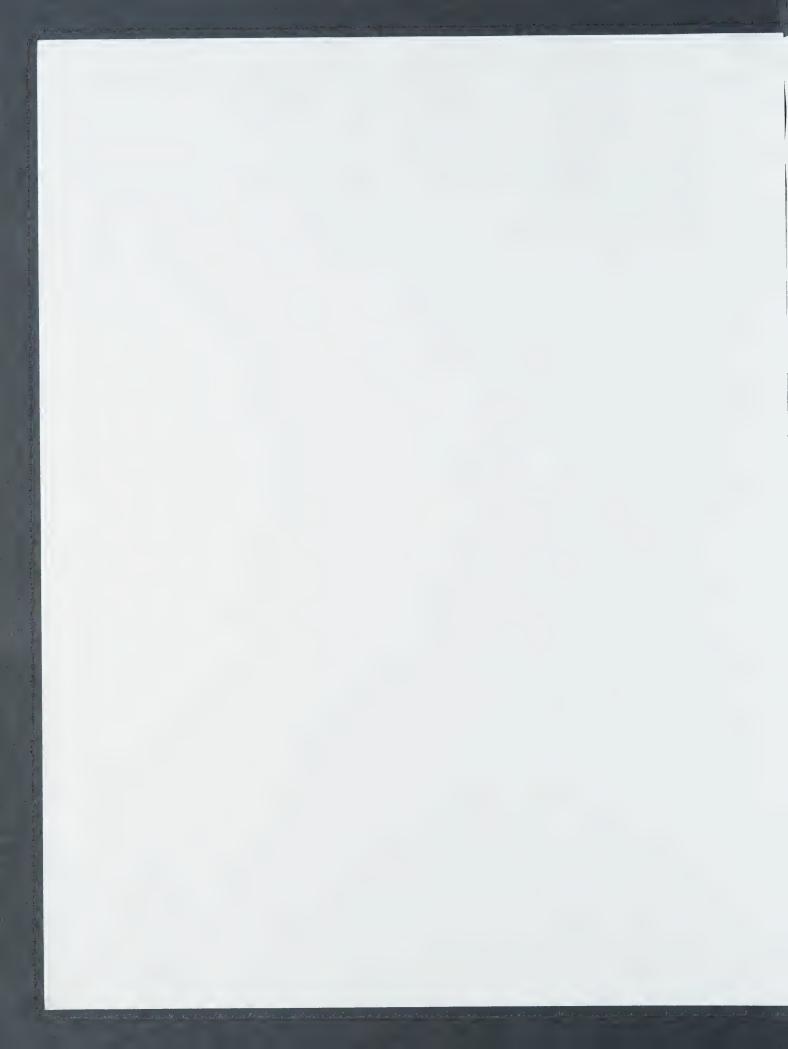
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Dear Alfred:

After my previous letters treating your projects in the Czech Republic, the former Yugoslavia, and Israel, here are some new thoughts about the discretionary funds you have been so generous as to offer JDC.

Gut Shabbes,

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Dear Alfred,

This time my subject is "Discretionary and Support Funds"

As a chemist you know well what it takes to create a situation of equilibrium. In today's letter, I would like to suggest to you four elements that to my mind are important for creating and preserving a proper balance in our work together. Of course it will be up to you completely to decide what belongs to this state of equilibrium and what (if anything) does not.

Discretionary Funds --- Meeting Basic Needs

This has been the main category of the discretionary projects to date. "Help those most in need who are within your reach," was your instruction to me.

Included here are our various projects to feed, clothe, or house the refugee children, those orphaned or abandoned by their parents, as well as those handicapped or mentally disturbed. Also listed here are the special grants you authorize to help individuals faced with medical emergencies. The help you earmarked in 2001 for the Medical Dispensary in Belgrade (which now needs to be renewed) should appear here as well. Even the trauma relief for war victims provided by Dr. Charles David Tauber comes under this rubric. I have also at times (with your approval) stretched this understanding of basic needs to include equipment for vocational workshops for disabled persons.

This category has been and should remain the key element in any discretionary funds or reserve you wish to sustain. All suggested outlays are submitted to you for approval beforehand.

Discretionary Funds --- "Not By Bread Alone"

As you saw in my presentation to the JDC Board Committee, the JOINT as an organization and I as an individual attach a great deal of importance to the connection between non-sectarian aid and the life and well-being of the small Jewish Communities that persevere in Central Europe fifty years after the Shoah. The aid you give in the former Yugoslavia, for example, is all channelled in this way.

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The little we have done so far in this direction has convinced me that Jews ---with all they (we) have to offer from our special place and history in the former Yugoslavia --- can serve as a catalyst for inter-ethnic understanding and respect.

Will you join me in conducting such an experiment? Here too I will send you all projects ahead of time for approval. More information is available on request.

Discretionary Funds --- General Support for JDC

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You will have noticed that in addition to myself, a number of other persons within JDC are involved in dealing with your donations and implementing the projects you support. In JDC's New York office, the names of Tzivia Bieler and Neal Malmud are known to you. In Israel the key JDC partners are Fleur Hasson-Nahum, Shauli Dritter, and Tammy Barnea. As you can well imagine many others are involved as well behind the scenes.

Discretionary Funds --- Direct Implementation Costs

As we have discussed and as you have been good enough to recognize consistently from the very beginning, in implementing your projects I do incur directly certain costs for such matters as travel, telephone, and office assistance in Paris and in the field.

Alfred, there you have the four would-be components of what could be a most dynamic state of equilibrium. Is there such a thing in chemistry? Will we create one together?

Shabbat Shalom to you and Isabel

Yechiel



Dear Adina,



As you perhaps know, Isabel and I work with Yechiel Bar-Chaim of the Joint on a great many efforts, in the past particularly in the Czech Republic and in the Balkans.

Now, however, in his e-mail of December 24th, Yechiel has suggested a number of efforts in Israel.

Could you please look these over and tell me what you think of them. Also, I am of course asking Daniel to see if there is any overlap with the Helen Bader Foundation's efforts in Israel and I would like to ask you whether there is any overlap with your efforts.

With fond regards as always, Alfred Bader

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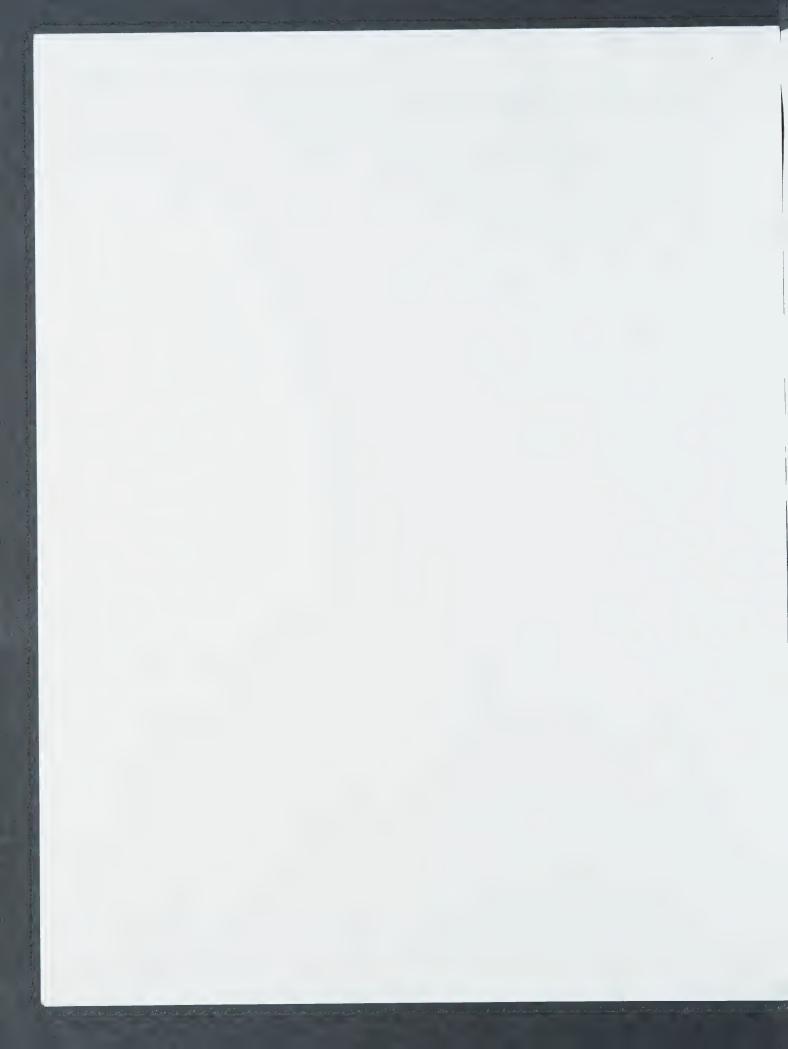


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Warmest regards to you and Isabel,

Yechiel

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January 6, 2003

Mrs. Tzivia Bieler The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. 711 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017-4014

Dear Tzivia,

As you will see from Yechiel Bar Chaim's e-mail to me of December 19th, a total of \$28,333 is required to continue Isabel's and my efforts in the Czech Republic. My check for that is enclosed.

With best regards I remain

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Yechiel,

As you will be able to imagine, there were mountains of correspondence awaiting me when Isabel and I returned from England on December 20th. Hence, the delay in my responding to your four epistles.

The first one of these is very easy to respond to as it deals only with efforts in the Czech Republic. Today I am sending to Tzivia Bieler at the Joint in New York my check for \$28,333.00 to cover all your specific requests.

Incidentally, you must know that all of our gifts come jointly from Isabel and myself and so when you speak of our efforts, please do mention both of us.

If I was as wealthy as Gates or Soros I could easily say yes to all of your suggestions, even such to me very tangential efforts like helping Moroccans or cultural events in Serbia. But I am not that wealthy and we have many other efforts important to us. One of these, bringing the local Lubavitch debt down, is attached.

I think that it is important that we meet personally and as you will be in London on March 24th I could meet you there either that day or on March 25th. Please let me know.

Regarding your many other suggestions, I will respond to you by the end of the week. I will share all of your suggestions with Daniel tomorrow and all of your suggestions relating to Israel with Adina to ascertain that there is no overlap. As I must have told you several times, I think very highly of her efforts and Isabel and I have given her several hundred thousand dollars to help Arabs in Israel. And of course, as you probably know, Daniel thinks much the same way and is making substantial efforts in Israel also.

With all good wishes I remain

Yours sincerely, Alfred Bader

P.S. Milena this year will give only 2-\$5,000 fellowships with a third one going to a very able art historian, Vladan Antonovic, who has had such a fellowship before and who is really doing great work in Innsbruck. After discussions with him and Milena, we have agreed that Milena will send him \$5,000 and then give 2-\$5,000 fellowships to others.

We are pleased to announce that, thank G-d, we have once again met the year-end "Alfred Bader matching funds challenge".

As you surely know, Dr. Alfred Bader (for the second consecutive year,) offered us a challenge gift of three hundred thousand dollars provided:

- a) we did not increase our debt during the year and
- b) we would raise \$300,000 (in addition to annual fundraising) in cash, by Dec. 31st of 2002.



With the help of some extraordinary gifts from our committed supporters, we have met the challenge, and effectively reduced our debt to 1 million dollars.

We are deeply grateful to our benevolent friends who have participated in this special campaign, as well as those who have so generously contributed to the annual campaign, enabling us to meet all of the terms of this challenge.

We also cannot pass without expressing our tremendous gratitude to our devoted board members and volunteers who responded whenever called upon, always willingly, giving of their time and expertise to help us achieve maximum success in our endeavors on behalf of the Jewish community.

But... We are not done yet. This year, Dr. Bader has stepped up his challenge by offering a \$500,000 gift with the same stipulations, with a goal in mind, to eliminate all of Lubavitch's debt by the end of year 2003. We hope all of you will continue to generously participate in this truly unique opportunity for Lubavitch of Wisconsin - and for the entire Jewish community - which will guaranty more quality programming for years to come.

In closing let's keep in mind that eliminating our debt, collecting outstanding pledges, and continuing our regular annual campaign (at the present level, without increase) will directly **result in a 50% increase in programming** within the next three years.

And after all that's what it's all about; that's what we're all about; that's what you're all about.

Once again Mazel Tov, and thank you, thank you!

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19 December 2002

Dear Alfred,

An admirer of Adlai Stevenson to boot! How good does it get?

My father thought so highly of Mr. Stevenson, and I think he never forgave John Kennedy for pushing him aside in 1960.

Thinking that you must have followed closely the progress of General Eisenhower and his armies from your internment camp in Canada during the war, I wonder how you came to shun the General and choose the man from the Land of Lincoln instead?

As promised, I will be sending you a series of e-mails (relatively short ones each time) treating the various projects in question.

In this first letter I will only treat the most veteran programs in the Czech Republic and their needs for 2003:

1. Bader Art History Prize \$16,000 + \$4,000 (?)

(Milena Bartlova needs to receive \$1,000 for expenses by mid-January to get started for the coming year)

If you agree, please add \$4,000 to this sum to permit Milena to edit and publish the lectures given at the Special Art History Seminar held last June in Prague to mark the Tenth Anniversary of the Bader Prizes. The volume will recognize the work done by the scholars and mark this important milestone. The budget also includes an editing fee for Milena who otherwise does all her work as a volunteer.

2. Bader Art History Fellowship

At the recommendation of Milena Bartlova and per your instructions, the remaining balance has been remitted to Martina Soskova.

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3. <u>Bader Chemistry Prizes</u> \$3,333

To bring one prize in line with the other, we will need \$ 3,333.

4. <u>Czech Chemistry Olympiad</u> \$5,000

Professor Sejbal is as conscientious as they come, a true representative of a world that has disappeared almost everywhere else.

5. <u>Czech Roma Programs</u>

A donation is not at all urgent. Nadace Via is only now completing implementation of your donation in 2001. The \$30,000 you donated in 2002 has only now been sent per their request.

Meanwhile two new proposals for the Roma in the Czech Republic --- growing out of our discussions with Nadace Via last June --- are in preparation. I prefer to present them to you in one package when they are ready.

Hope you and Isabel had a safe trip home and will enjoy healthy and peaceful holidays.

Sincerely yours,

Yechiel

P.S. I attach for your reading pleasure (I hope) my latest speech (in which you figure prominently). This time the audience was the JDC Board Committee for International Development Projects (IDP).

P.P.S. Following our conversation, I asked my colleague Gene Phillips to send you a complete accounting for the Bader Philanthropic Fund and to certify its slow but steady growth. Presumably you have received his charts in the meantime.

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to Adina

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Here is the next installment as promised. $\hfill \ .$

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June 8, 2001

BY FAX AND MAIL: 414-277-0709

Dr. Alfred Bader 924 East Juneau, Suite 622 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alfred,

While I know you are out of the country until the end of July, I wanted to confirm in writing my contact last week with your assistant, Ann Zuehike, about the \$60,000 that you donated for the orphanages in Odessa and Dnepopetrovsk.

I received your May 21st fax and I immediately contacted our overseas staff to determine why this money had not yet been transferred. I e-mailed Ann, telling her I was waiting for a reply, then called her a few days later when it was confirmed that both orphanages had received your donations. Ann assured me that she would pass that information on to you.

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Tzivia Bielei

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A Chemist Helping Chemists

May 21, 2001

TO:Mrs. Tzivia BielerPage 1 of 1/2American Joint Jewish Distribution Committee

FAX #: 212 / 682-7262

Dear Tzivia,

Could you please check on what happened to the \$60,000 which I sent you on February 26th, my check #4099. \$30,000 of that was to be sent to the orphanage in Odessa and the other \$30,000 was to be sent to the orphanage in Dnepopetrovsk. The orphanage in Odessa has not yet received their check as you can see from the attached letter from Yaacov Bradpiece.

You acknowledged my check and it cleared through the bank. I have just checked with the orphanage in Dnepopetrovsk and they also have not yet received their check for \$30,000.

With many thanks for your help I remain

Yours sincerely,

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Alfred Bader AB/az Att. C: Mr. Daniel Bader



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Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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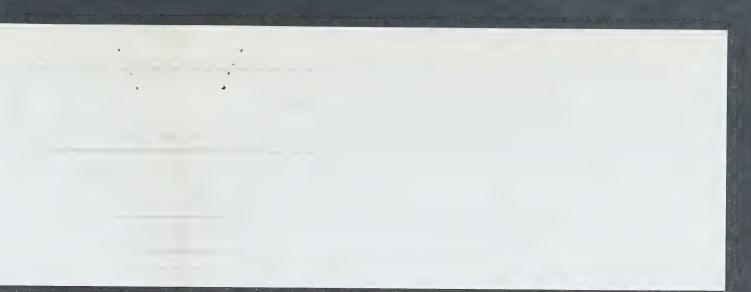
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Dear Mr. Bar Chaim,

Isabel and Alfred are off to England and the continent today and will return the end of July. He asked me to explain a problem to you.

Last February 26th Alfred sent the Joint a check for \$60,000 to be evenly split by the two orphanages - one in Odessa, the other in Dnepopetrovsk. At the end of May we received a letter from Yaacov Bradpiece in Odessa explaining that the money seemed to be hung up in a "bureaucratic knot" and that the orphanage was anxiously awaiting Alfred's contribution. Curious, Alfred checked with the orphanage in Dnepopetrovsk and found that they also had not received his \$30,000 donation.

He sent a fax to Tzivia Bieler on May 21st with no response. Could you help??

We appreciate anything you can do for us.

Sincerely, Ann Zuehlke Secretary to Alfred & Isabel



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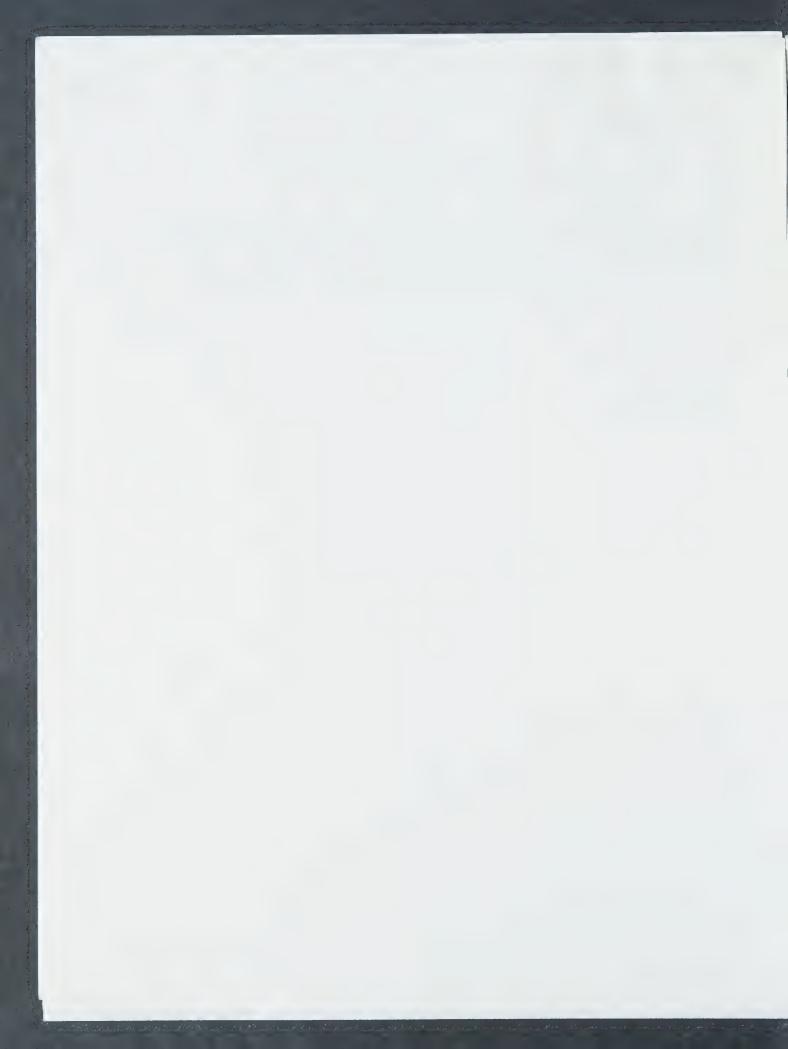
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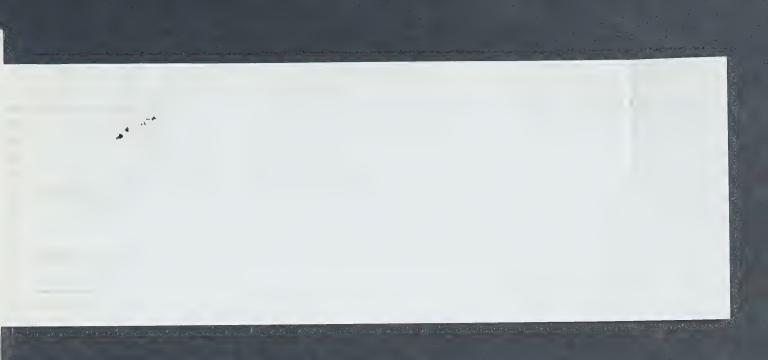
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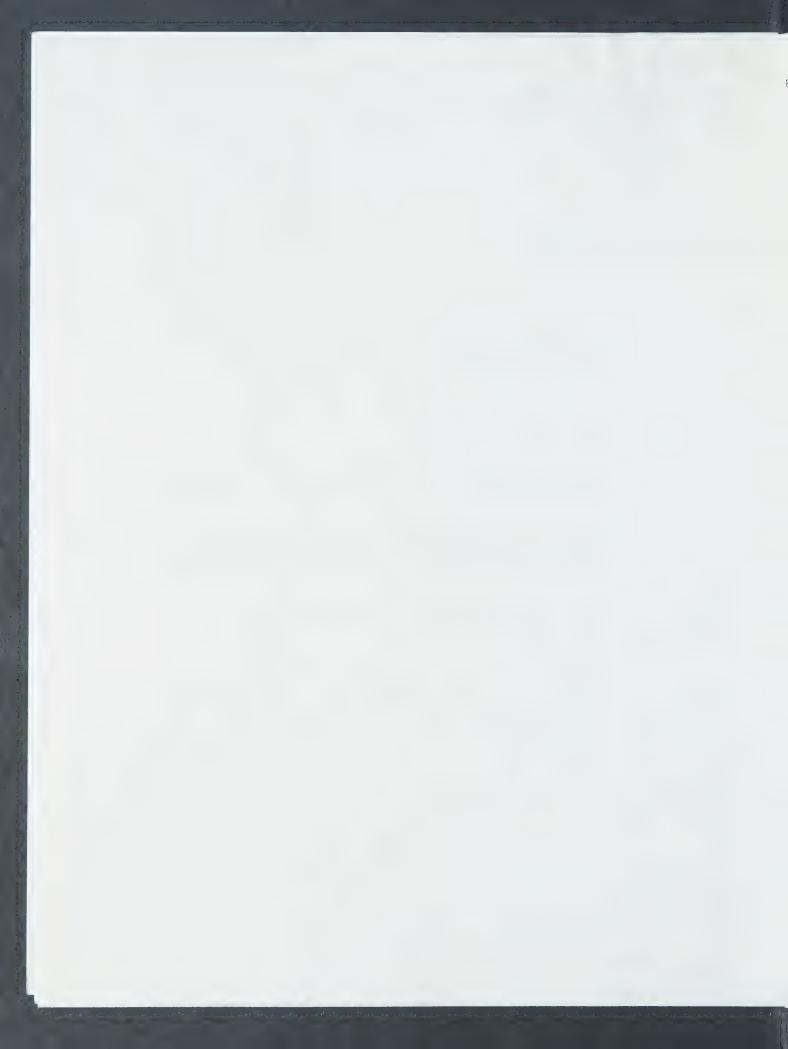
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Dear Alfred,

London looks to be the place for us to meet. I am scheduled to speak at a fundraising concert there on June 27th.

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Delighted you will continue to support the refocused Roma Program in the Czech Republic.

My visit to Macedonia was inconclusive as concerns the Health & Education Project for Roma Women & Children. The guerilla rebellion / incursion there upturned all agendas. Among those fleeing Tetovo were Kosovar Roma refugees displaced again. They sought shelter in what had been established as a resettlement center for the other Kosovar Roma in Skopje, but which looked like a badly neglected refugee camp when I visited.

The IRC Country Director for Macedonia, Theresa Obradovich, had also just resigned, so I found myself with a new team – well-qualified and excellent partners, but we are new to each other.

What I can say is that the cancer-screening program for Roma women in the Sutu Orizeri neighborhood of Skopje has achieved important results. 73% of the women in the refugee resettlement camp there suffer from a sexually transmitted disease; for veteran residents the percentage is 65%. There are our markers, symptoms of a nearly overwhelming societal pathology.



The only bright note was to see the outreach team bringing the women to the clinic and leading group sessions on basic reproductive health issues. The team is composed almost exclusively of young Roma women from the neighborhood. Through their own women's organization – ESMA – they have found the confidence to break through the social taboos concerning sex in the community and open up a dialogue with not only their mothers' generation, but also with the very traditionally-oriented men in their lives. Inspiring to meet these young crusaders. I will send you some photos.

Now I am going back to Belgrade, focusing on Jewish and non-sectarian aid programs we are developing in the new but still terribly troubled environment.

Hagim u' Zmanim L'Sasson

Yechiel Bar-Chaim

PS: My wife has recovered. Thank you for your concern.

CC: Tzivia Bieler – AJJDC-NY



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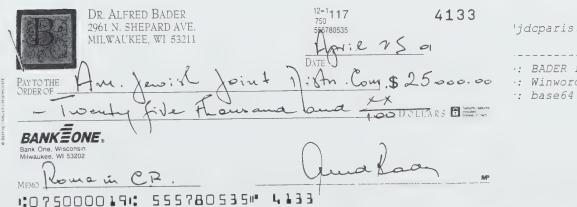
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March 12, 2001

Mr. Michael Schneider Executive Vice-President The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. 711 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017-4014

Dear Michael,

Thank you so much for your letter of March 6th telling me that you have designated the \$100,000 for home care of the elderly in the Ukraine.

Of course Isabel and I approve, but we are greatly puzzled. When we met in London in November, Isabel wanted to write a check exactly for that purpose, that is to help the elderly poor in the Ukraine. But you told us that this would not be necessary because a good deal of money was coming to help the elderly needy from the Swiss banks.

What happened to change your opinion?

There is, of course, no need for a hurried response though eventually we would like to find out, particularly to be guided where to send our next gifts through the Joint.

With best regards I remain

Yours sincerely,

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March 6, 2001

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Dear Alfred,

It's been some time since I have written directly to you. I know that both Yechiel and Tzivia have been in contact with you throughout these past few months, both through meetings and letters, and they have kept me informed of your various donations and the specific projects involved.

Regarding the \$100,000.00 that you donated back in December 2000, I have designated these funds for home care for the Jewish elderly in Ukraine, specifically through Hesed Menachem, our welfare center in Dnepropetrovsk. I hope you will agree that this is a very worthwhile project.

Using your \$100,000, we will be able to repeat our program from the year 2000, whereby Hesed Menachem provided close to 1,200 clients with nearly 90,000 home care visits, for a total of over 280,000 hours of home care. These services are provided by professionals who have been trained through JDC's Institute for Communal and Welfare Workers. Those needy elderly that are assisted are either home bound or bed bound. The care givers clean the clients' homes, bathe them, cook, do the shopping, and bring food packages and/or fresh food from the Hesed. Equally important, the care giver provides welcomed company and human interaction. Loneliness is often one of the most powerful enemies.

The second issue I want to discuss is the internal review that I requested on the Jewish orphanage in Dnepropetrovsk. The bottom line here is very much what Yechiel mentioned in his postscript to you in his February 22nd e-mail. The children in this orphanage have either been abandoned or abused by their parents. They have not been released for adoption and

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LETTER TO: DR. ALFRED BADER

March 6, 2001

consequently cannot be sent to Israel in search of a better life. They are truly the innocent victims of the world around them.

There is no question that the bookkeeping at the orphanage is not up to Western standards and leaves much to be desired. But we applaud Lubavitch's work on behalf of these children and we believe they are doing life saving work.

I know that you have sent a \$60,000.00 check to be divided equally between this orphanage and the orphanage in Odessa. Tzivia will acknowledge that gift. I leave it to you to use the information I have given you in your decisions regarding future gifts to the orphanage.

Please give my best to Isabel.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Machul

Michael Schneider

MS:tb

cc: Daniel Bader Yechiel Bar-Chaim Tzivia Bieler Linda Levi Vivienne Lewis Asher Ostrin Scott Richman Steven Schwager





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A Chemist Helping Chemists

February 26, 2001

Mrs. Tzivia Bieler The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. 711 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017-4014

Dear Tzivia,

You may recall that for the last couple of years I sent \$30,000 each for the orphanages in Odessa and Dnepopetrovsk.

Enclosed please find my check for \$60,000 for the 2001 gift. I believe that both orphanages will appreciate transmittal of the funds as quickly as possible.

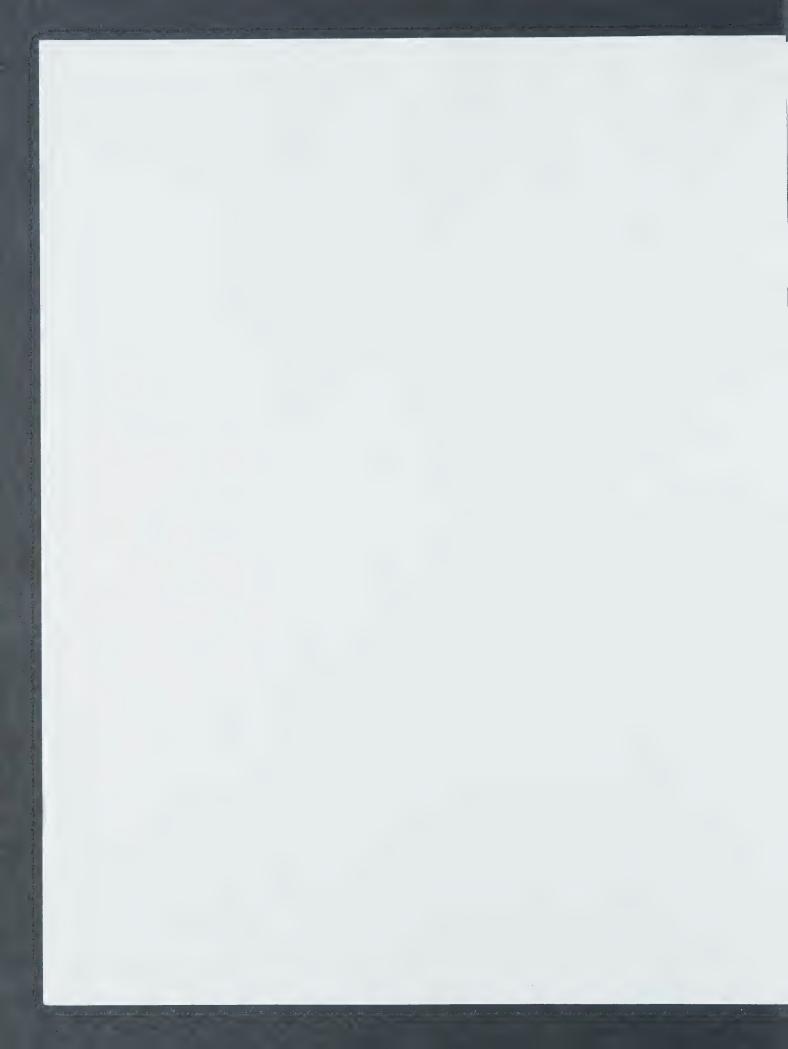
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Yours sincerely,

Alfred Bader

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August 3, 2001

Mr. Michael Schneider Executive Vice-President The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. 711 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017-4014

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your detailed letter of July 17th.

As you perhaps know, I met with Yechiel Bar-Chaim in London on June 28th and left him a check for \$78,000.

Then I met with him again in London on July 19th and he told me about a number of important causes that need help in Serbia. I found these much easier to understand than those in the Volga region and so I left Yechiel my check for \$100,000 for these causes in Serbia.

During the next few weeks I hope to have a chance to talk at some length with my son, Daniel, to see where else I might be able to help through the Joint.

With all good wishes I remain

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Bader AB/az C: Mr. Daniel Bader



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RE: Martina Soskova

Subject: RE: Martina Soskova Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2001 08:20:11 +0100 From: "Yechiel Bar Chaim" <yechiel@jdcparis.org> To: "'Bader Fine Arts''' <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred,

Glad that this additional fellowship is in prospect. Will be pleased to cooperate.

Hope you had a safe trip home and look forward to seeing you again I hope once you're back on this side of the Atlantic.

Best regards to Isab

----Original Message----From: Bader Fine Arts [mailto:baderfa@execpc.com] Sent: 31 July 2001 20:53 To: Milena Bartlova Cc: Yechiel Bar Chaim Subject: Re: Martina Soskova

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Yours sincerely, Alfred Bader

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Subject: Automatická odpovìï Date: 31 Jul 2001 19:35:44 -0000 From: Milena Bartlová <Bartlova.M@seznam.cz> To: Bader Fine Arts <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dìkuji za va¹i zprávu, pøeètu si ji po návratu do Prahy poèátkem záøí. Pøeji pìkné l Milena Bartlová

Thank you for your message; I will read it on my return to Prague in early September Milena Bartlová



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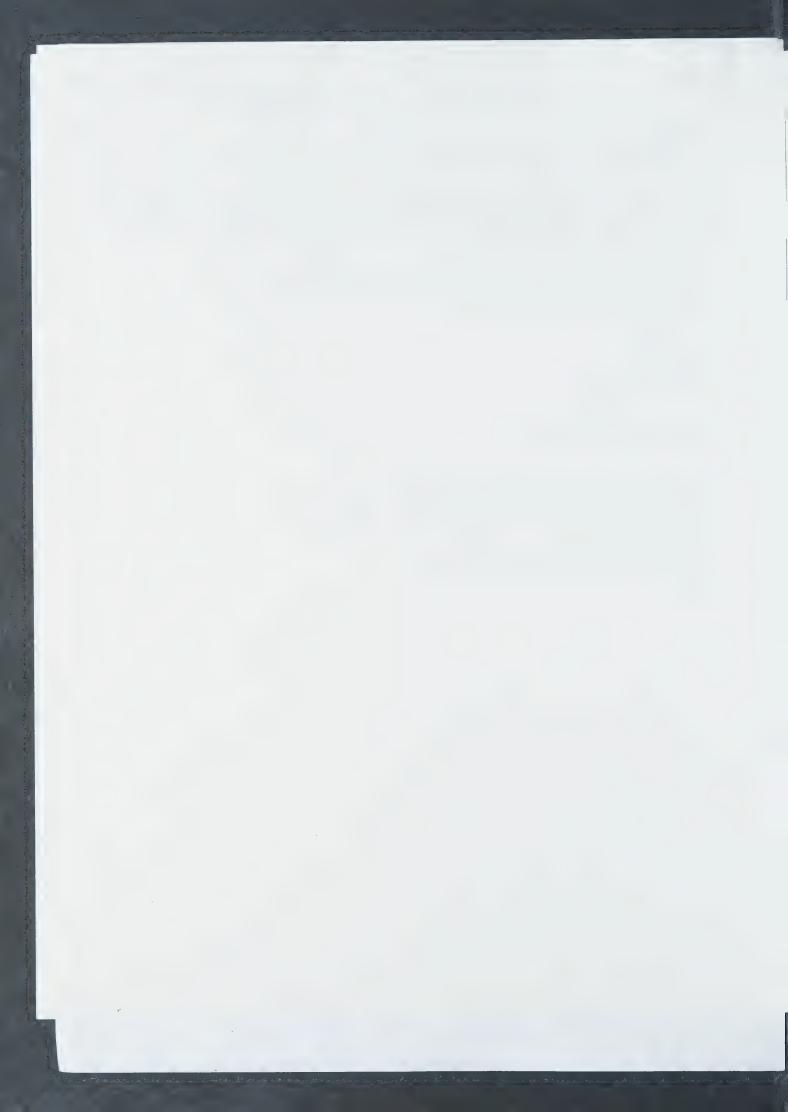
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Herrn Alfred Bader

Wien, 07.06.2001

Sehr geehrter Herr Bader!

Wir bestätigen hiermit den Erhalt Ihrer Spende über **\$ 10.000**,-- für den Jahrgang 2000/01 und bedanken uns im Namen der ZPC- Kinder recht herzlich.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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Mag. Jutta Bauer Administrative Leiterin

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A Chemist Helping Chemists

January 3, 2001

Mag. Jutta Bauer Zwi Perez Chajes Schule Israelitische Kultusgemeinde Wien Castellezgasse 35 A-1020 Vienna AUSTRIA

Dear Mag. Bauer,

Thank you so much for your letter of September 27th and the calendar with paintings by your students.

Isabel and I were in England until a few days ago and so my reply has been so long delayed.

I was interested to learn that you spent our gift of \$10,000 to purchase toys for the students in the Garden and in your new lower classes. That of course indicates that you are financially in very good shape; if you were not you would not spend a relatively large sum on toys.

I believe that I told you that I was guided to your school by a very good friend, Professor Otto Hutter in Glasgow, who was a student in your school.

Looking at your calendar raises another question: why do you not have the Saturdays marked in red rather than the Sundays?

There is of course no need whatever to reply now, but let me discuss your answers when we see you early in June.

With all good wishes I remain

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Bader AB/az C: Prof. Otto Hutter







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Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. Bader!

Vielen Dank für Ihren Brief vom August 2000. Durch lange Sommerferien und einen etwas hektischen Schulbeginn ist es mir erst jetzt möglich, mich für den Brief und das überwiesene Geld zu bedanken.

Wir hatten gestern einen ganz besonderen Grund zur Freude und zum Feiern: Unsere Schule begeht in diesem Jahr ihr 20-jähriges Bestehen und am 26.09. hatten wir einen großen und berührenden Festabend in unserer Schule, an dem 400 Gäste teilnahmen.

Es ist sehr schade, dass Ihre Anreise für einen Abend einfach zu weit ist! Aber wir freuen uns schon sehr auf Ihren Besuch im nächsten Jahr, bei dem wir Ihnen zeigen werden, wie wir das Spendengeld verwendet haben. Ein Teil des Geldes wurde für den Ankauf von Spielgeräten im Garten benötigt, der andere Teil für Spielsachen in unserer neuen Vorschulklasse.

Für unsere Schule gibt es seit kurzem eine Dame, die sich nur mit Fundraising beschäftigt. Es ist dies Frau Dr. Almoslechner, die sich in Kürze mit Ihnen in Verbindung setzen wird. Es wäre ganz wunderbar, wenn Sie Frau Dr. Almoslechner Kontakte vermitteln könnten.

Nun möchte ich Ihnen nochmals sehr herzlich für Ihre großzügige Spende danken und darf Ihnen und Ihrer Gattin – auch im Namen unserer Schüler und Schülerinnen – ein herzliches Shana towa wünschen.

Als kleines "Dankeschön" übersenden wir Ihnen einen, von unseren Schülern selbst gestalteten Kalender.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Mag. Jutta Bauer Adm. Leiterin



Dear Ms. Barnea,

Your lengthy report to me, of April 4th, regarding the Palestinian Model Center for Lending Medical Equipment is one of the saddest and in a way, most frustrating I have ever received.

Sad because it relates how the technician, Ahmed Arrar, working at the Ramallah Center, was seriously wounded in the eye, I fear because of some Israeli action.

Frustrating because your 8-page report shows that you have gone to a great deal of work documenting the details about the patients at such length. What is important is that we help, not that we document all these details.

If you think that your work to help Palestinians can continue, then I will of course send another check to the JDC in New York.

Incidentally, this gift did not come from the Bader Foundation, but from ourselves, Isabel and Alfred Bader, personally.

I look forward to hearing from you and remain with all good wishes

Yours sincerely, Alfred Bader

Copies by US mail: Ms. Tzivia Bieler, JDC, NY Mr. Daniel Bader



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4 April 2001

Mr. Alfred Bader The Bader Foundation

Re: Palestinian Model Center for Lending Medical Equipment and Assistive Devices

- Activity Report, December 2000 – March 2001

- Financial Report, January – March 2001

Dear Mr. Bader,

Enclosed please find an activity report (December 2000 – March 2001) and financial report (January 2001 – March 2001) for the above-mentioned project.

The project partners are making every effort to continue those aspects of the project that are feasible under the difficult circumstances and appreciate the support of the Bader Foundation to this project.

Sincerely yours,

Tamara Barnea, Director JDC-Middle East Program

c Tziviq Daniel

cc: Dr. Jihad Mashal, Director-General, UPMRC Ms. Yehudit Intract, Deputy Director, Yad Sarah Ms. Randi Garber, Senior Program Manager, JDC

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Palestinian Model Center for Lending Medical Equipment and Assistive Devices

Activity Report: December 2000 – March 2001 Financial Report: January – March 2001

Submitted to:

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April 2001



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Summary

The progress of the project during the report period was greatly affected by the new cycle of violence that broke out in September 2000. On one hand, it has greatly increased the need for assistive devices, medical equipment and ancillary services provided at the lending centers; on the other hand, it has made it very difficult for people to reach the center, and has impeded the cooperative aspects of the project, particularly those that require face-to-face meetings.

The violence touched directly on the project when Ahmed Arrar, the equipment technician at the Ramallah Center, was seriously wounded in the eye while providing first aid to people wounded during clashes. We wish him a quick and complete recovery.

Activities

1. Ramallah Lending Center

The Ramallah Center has been operating since March 1999. The ongoing activities at the center indicate the sustainability of the project. During the period December 2000 – March 2001, the following activities were carried out:

- <u>Lending Service</u> - The current clashes led to an increased need for the lending of assistive devices and ancillary activities at the Ramallah Lending Center by people injured or disabled. The Center is serving seven clients/day. Between 20 November 2000 and 25 March 2001, 113 clients rented equipment and an additional 30 people requested equipment, which was unavailable. Referrals come from hospitals, CBR programs, volunteers, first aid teams and orthopedists, and include requests for equipment for in-patient use, such as mattresses and oxygen producers, and for home use, such as wheelchairs, wooden axillary crutches and shower chairs. Equipment requested, but unavailable at the center, included large oxygen tanks, braces, catheters/bags, and hospital bedpans. For further information on the lending service, see Appendix A.

For the time being, the Center is waiving the deposit and requiring people who borrow equipment to sign a guarantee. In general, people are returning equipment, though the closures are making it difficult for people outside of Ramallah to return the equipment in a timely manner.

- <u>Equipment</u> A contract for additional equipment in the amount \$60,000 was signed between UPMRC and Sharq International Technology (SITTCO), an importer from Nablus, on 28 February 2001. SITTCO will donate 250 pairs of crutches to the Center.
- <u>Equipment Maintenance</u> The equipment is usually returned in good condition, requiring only basic maintenance such as replacing rubber tips on crutches or wheelchair brake handles. Ahmed, the technician, handles maintenance tasks.
- <u>Ancillary Services</u> Referrals to ancillary services come from hospitals, CBR programs, UPMRC mobile clinics, institutions working in the field of disability and people who have previously used the Center's service. All referrals are accepted. There is a nominal fee for the service, especially if it involves a home visit.



- * Social work The social worker is at the Center 21 hours/week. Between November and 25 March 2001, she conducted 607 consultations (220 general consultations, 227 coordinations with specialists or sessions to teach a person how to live with his/her disability, and 160 referrals for further assessment). She works with people with all types of disabilities.
- * Speech therapy The speech therapist is at the Center 21 hours/week. Between 20 November 2000 and 25 March 2001, she provided 113 sessions. The people who come for speech therapy have a wide range of problems, including hearing loss, language delay, aphasia and articulation disorders.
- * *Physical therapy* A physical therapist and volunteers from the UPMRC CBR program in the region provide services at the Center on an ad hoc basis.
- <u>Volunteers</u> There are 15-20 people currently volunteering regularly at the Center. Some are still from the original group of volunteers who have been joined by others; two of the volunteers at the center are physiotherapists. Some of the volunteers also work as part of UPMRC first aid teams. The volunteers are mainly high school and university students.
- <u>Training</u> The Center staff provides new volunteers with basic training in use of the equipment, as well as in the procedures for lending and use of the MIS. UPMRC provides the volunteers with additional training at its School of Community Health.
- <u>Management Information System (MIS)</u> The technical problems with the MIS are in the process of being solved. The MIS is used for client files and to keep track of equipment.
- <u>Marketing</u> The Center has developed a new series of newspaper advertisements, advertising the lending service free of charge for people injured by the current violence. In addition, the Center is trying to decentralize the service by developing satellites, so as to serve people who are unable to travel to Ramallah because of the closures.
- <u>Professional Support Network</u> The Center staff maintain contact with other professionals/organizations, including other UPMRC services, hospitals, other rehabilitation services, the Central National Committee for Rehabilitation (CNCR) and the General Union of People with Disabilities (GUPD).
- <u>Visitors to the Center</u> UPMRC considers the Ramallah Lending Center to be a model service, and brings visitors – both professionals and potential donors – to visit. Recently, representatives of the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates visited the Center.
- Lessons
 - * There is a need to develop satellite centers to ensure service to more distant areas, especially when there are difficulties traveling.
 - * Ancillary services are an important part of the lending center model and should be further developed.

2. Gaza Lending Center

An official opening is not possible under the circumstances, however the Center has began providing lending services.

- <u>Equipment</u> - The Gaza Center received two small donations totaling \$8,000 for equipment, which was used to purchase mobility aids (e.g. walkers, canes, wheelchairs) and home care equipment (e.g. mattresses and oxygen). An



additional \$62,000 of equipment was ordered based on a grant allocated by the Japanese Government. Importation of the equipment will take at least three months.

- <u>Lending Service</u> – Five to eight clients come to the Center each day. To date, 122 clients have requested equipment. Most referrals are from hospitals. The Center has reached an agreement with one hospital to lend equipment through the hospital while the patient is still hospitalized and then the patient is referred to the Center upon release.

3. Nablus Lending Center

To meet the need for equipment for people in the northern West Bank, UPMRC decided to expand its rehabilitation services in Nablus, which included a CBR program and a physiotherapy center, to include lending services. The Ramallah Center provided equipment and know-how regarding lending procedures.

4. Manual for Replication

A major component of the project is the preparation of a manual for the development and operation of a Palestinian Network of Lending Centers in the West Bank and Gaza, which will ensure the quality and efficiency of the work at the Ramallah Center, the development of the Gaza Center and the establishment of additional centers in the future.

- The second draft of the manual was reviewed at the Gaza and Ramallah Centers. On the whole, it was found to be useful and relevant to the work at the Centers. Comments included editing suggestions and clarifications regarding personnel. Based on the comments received, a final version will be published in the summer of 2001.

5. Strategic Planning Process

A strategic planning process was initiated in order to be able to meet the needs of the entire population in Gaza and the West Bank as quickly as possible through a network of regional and community centers.

- In spite of its efforts to meet emergency health needs, UPMRC is interested in keeping the strategic planning process going, and has held internal meetings with staff at regional levels to receive their input and encourage their involvement in data collection.

6. Final Project Report and Evaluation

The project development team has documented the project since its inception. Periodic activity reports evaluated implementation vis-à-vis planning, and the final project report will review the entire four years (1997-2000) of the project.

- An evaluation by an outside researcher planned for March/April 2001 was to be an integral part of the report. Due to the circumstances, the evaluation may be postponed until the summer.
- Appendix B provides an outline of the topics to be covered in the report.

7. Cooperation

One of the project's goals was to enable Palestinian and Israeli professionals to work together toward development of a service that would provide assistive devices and medical equipment to the Palestinian population.



- Ongoing phone and e-mail contact has been maintained among project staff members.
- Yad Sarah was not active during this period, as the two components in which they were to take part training at Yad Sarah and the joint strategic planning process were postponed.
- Written documents were exchanged among all the partners.
- Current security conditions allow for only minimal face-to-face contact.

8. Next Steps (April – June 2001)

- Finalize the manual.
- Finalize the evaluation design and tools.
- Write all sections of the final report, which are not dependant on the evaluation.

Financial Report, January - March 2001

The following table reflects all expenditures accrued January through March 2001 for the Bader grant; other expenditures were covered by grants from other donors.

Table 1: Financial Report January - March 2001 (US\$), Bader Grant

	<u>Total</u>
A. Total Grant	10,000
 B. Actual expenditures (January – March 2001) JDC (manual, strategic planning, technical assistance – Ramallah and Gaza) 	1,000 <i>1,000</i>
C. Previous reported expenses	7,200
D. Accumulated expenses	8,200
E. Balance of total grant	1,800



Appendix A: Ramallah Center Lending Service

Client profiles

The following tables provide socio-demographic (Table 1) and disability profiles (Tables 2 and 3) for 627 clients who used the lending services at the Ramallah Center since it's opening in March 1999.

	Total 1/3/99 – 19/11//00		Period 20/11/00-25/3/01
Characteristics			
Gender	100%	N=514	113
Male	70%	359	61
Female	30%	155	52
Age (in years)	100%	N=514	110
0-15	9%	47	-
16-25	21%	108	2
26-35	10%	51	19
36-40	6%	29	6
41-50	8%	43	4
51-60	9%	46	13
over 60	37%	190	66
Marital status	100%	N=464	163 ¹
Married	64%	295	87
Single	27%	126	53
Widow	9%	41	22
Divorced	<1%	2	1
Education level	100%	N=464	163
elementary	14%	59	33
preparatory	14%	71	26
secondary	23%	87	37
college	9%	45	5
university	7%	31	7
illiterate	29%	152	52
other	4%	19	3
Geographic Region	100%	N=464	163
Ramallah	76%	353	125
Jerusalem	10%	45	123
Jenin	4%	18	3
Nablus	3%	14	3
Jordan Valley	2%	9	1
Bethlehem	1%	5	I
Tulkarem	2%	11	3
Hebron	1%	6	6
Other	<1%	3	3

Table 1: Socio-demographic profile of clients

¹ The 163 clients in the following categories include 50 clients who had not been entered into the MIS at the time of the last report.



Table 2:	Etiology of	disability	(1/3/99 -	25/3/01)
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Etiology	100%	N= 652 ²
Disease	49	318
Trauma	39	251
Aging	7	43
Hereditary	2	13
Unknown	4	27

Table 3: Duration of disability (1/3/99 - 25/3/01)

Duration (in years)	100%	N=627
<=1	82	514
1-4	9	56
5-9	5	30
>=10	4	27
Other	-	-

² Some clients have more than one diagnosis.



Appendix B:

Preliminary Outline of Final Report

Acknowledgements

Executive Summary (English)

History – How the project was born?

Developing a Palestinian model of Lending Center for Medical Equipment and Assistive Devices

- Description of UPMRC experience in CBR and service development
- Description of Yad Sarah model
- Issues in cultural adaptation
- Identification of Palestinian needs/issues
- Adaptation of Yad Sarah model for Palestinian society

Developing a new service

- Assessment of needs
- Creation of an organizational structure
- Identification and recruitment of resources
- Development of operating procedures
- Recruitment and training of personnel
 - o staff
 - o volunteers
- Preparation of physical infrastructure facility
- Purchase of equipment
- Development of an information system
- Development of a professional support network
- Preparation for replication and scaling up (manual, strategic planning)
- Development costs

Activities of the Centers (based on documentation and evaluation)

- Achievements
- Difficulties
- Sustainability

Documentation and evaluation process

- During project development and implementation
- At end of project

Scaling up

- Expansion of service in Ramallah
- Replication in Gaza
- Strategic planning process



Israeli-Palestinian cooperation

- Working together during different phases of the project
- Results of evaluation regarding cooperation
- What happens during political/security crises?
- Potential for the future

The role of donors

- Funding
- Third party

Special issues

- Service development in a society in transition
- Integrating development and cooperation in post-conflict eras
- A partnership of three organizations that develop and implement services for weak populations

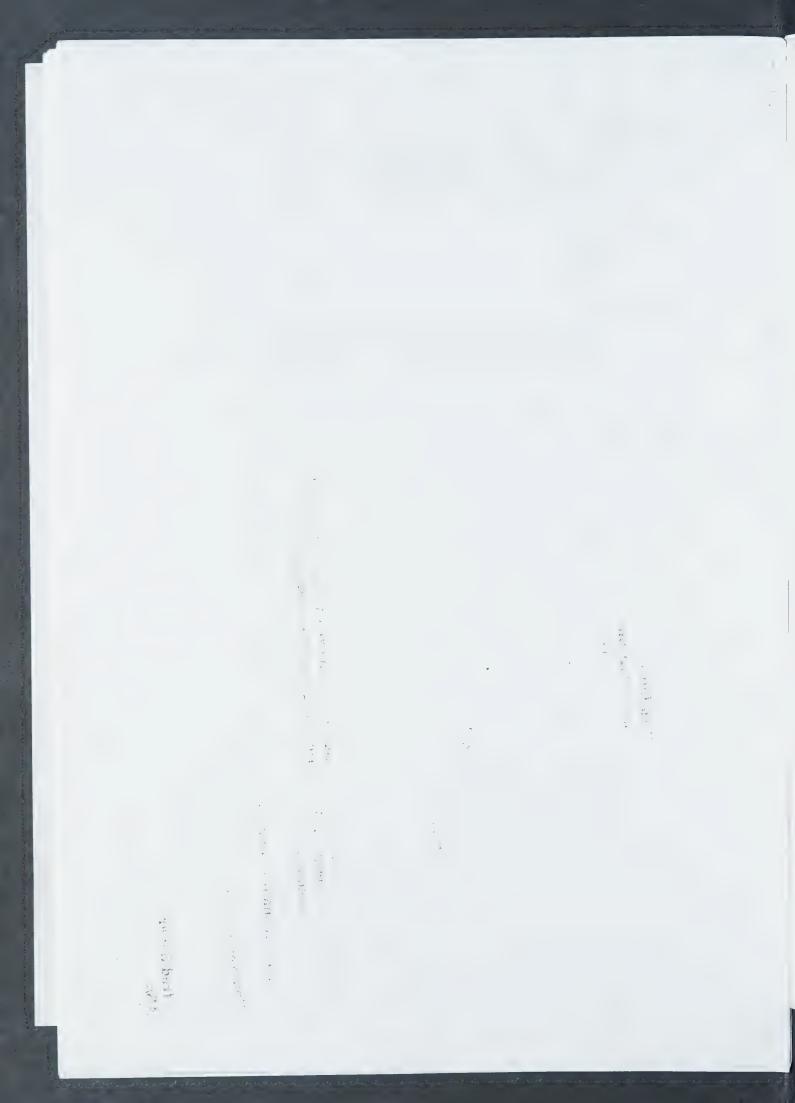
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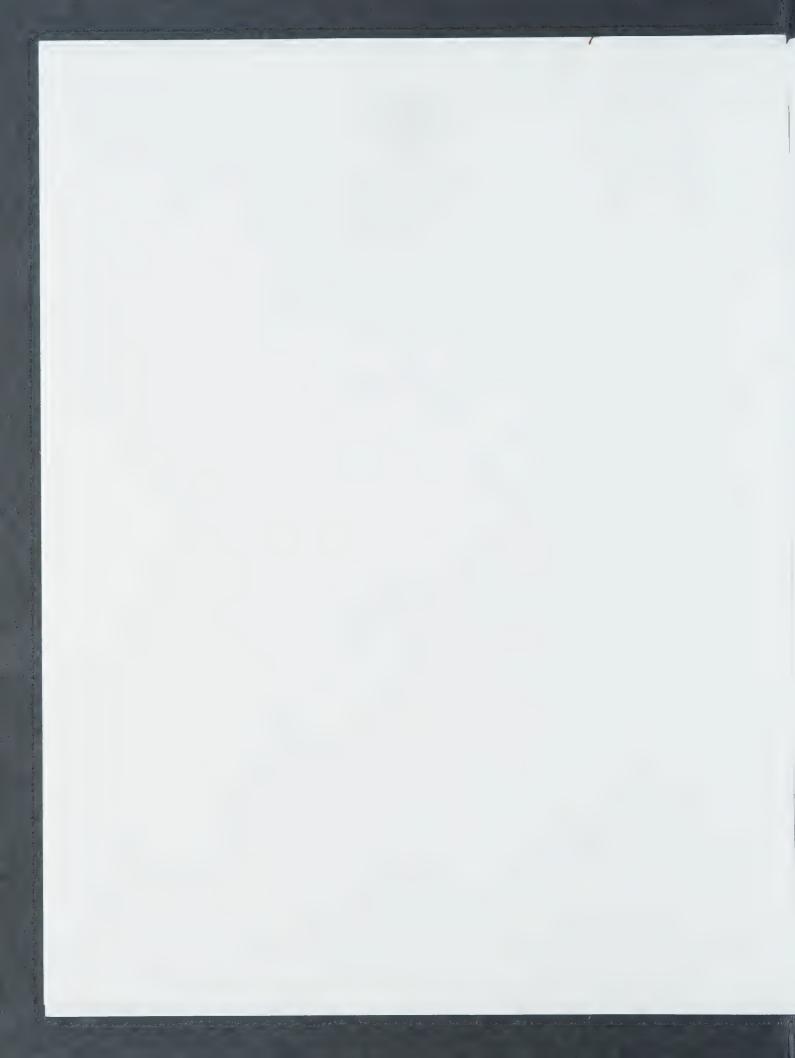
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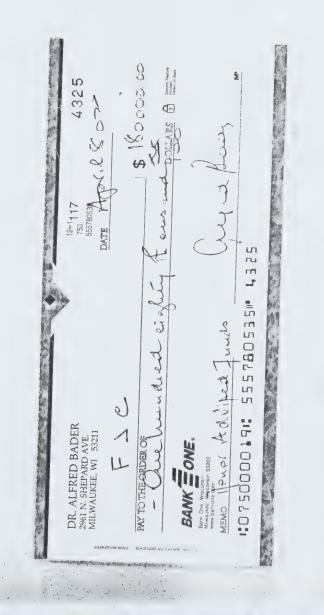
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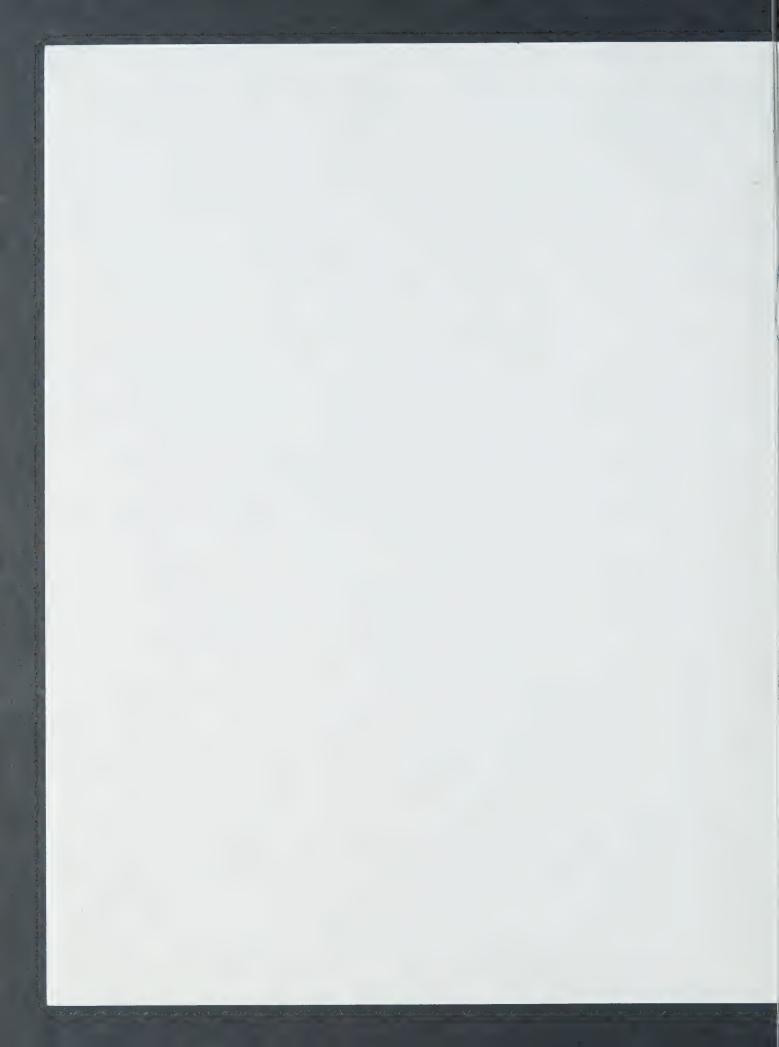
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October 25, 2001

The Michelle Foundation Vrijthof 49 6211 LE Maastricht The Netherlands

Gentleman:

Enclosed please find our check no: 017346 in the amount of \$300,000.00.

This contribution was made possible by a generous gift to The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) from Dr. Alfred Bader, 924 East Juneau, Suite 622, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 to JDC in support of The Michelle Foundation and your research into Tuberous Sclerosis Complex.

We would be grateful if you could kindly acknowledge this contribution to us and furnish us with a progress report.

We wish you luck in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Tzivia Bieler Director, Executive Office

> To atto Jamie Roa

/tb Enclosure cc: Dr. Alfred Bader Yechiel Bar-Chaim Steven Schwager

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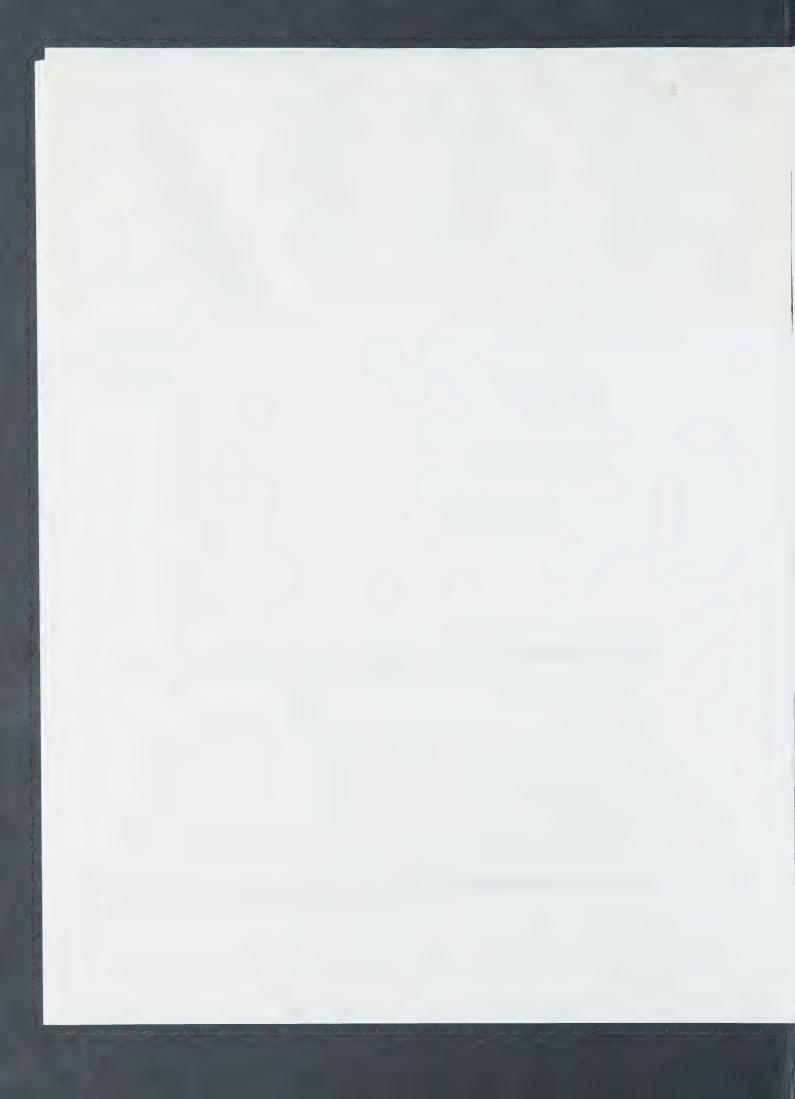
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Date: 4 december 2001

Concerning: Your donation

> Dr. Alfred Bader 924 East Juneau, Suite 622 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 United States of America

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Hereby we would like to thank you gratefully for your recent generous donation of \$300,000.00 to the Michelle Foundation.

The foundation will assure that your donation will provide fundamental support for the research of the illness Tuberous Sclerosis Complex.

We will keep you informed about the developments of our foundation.

Yours sincerely,

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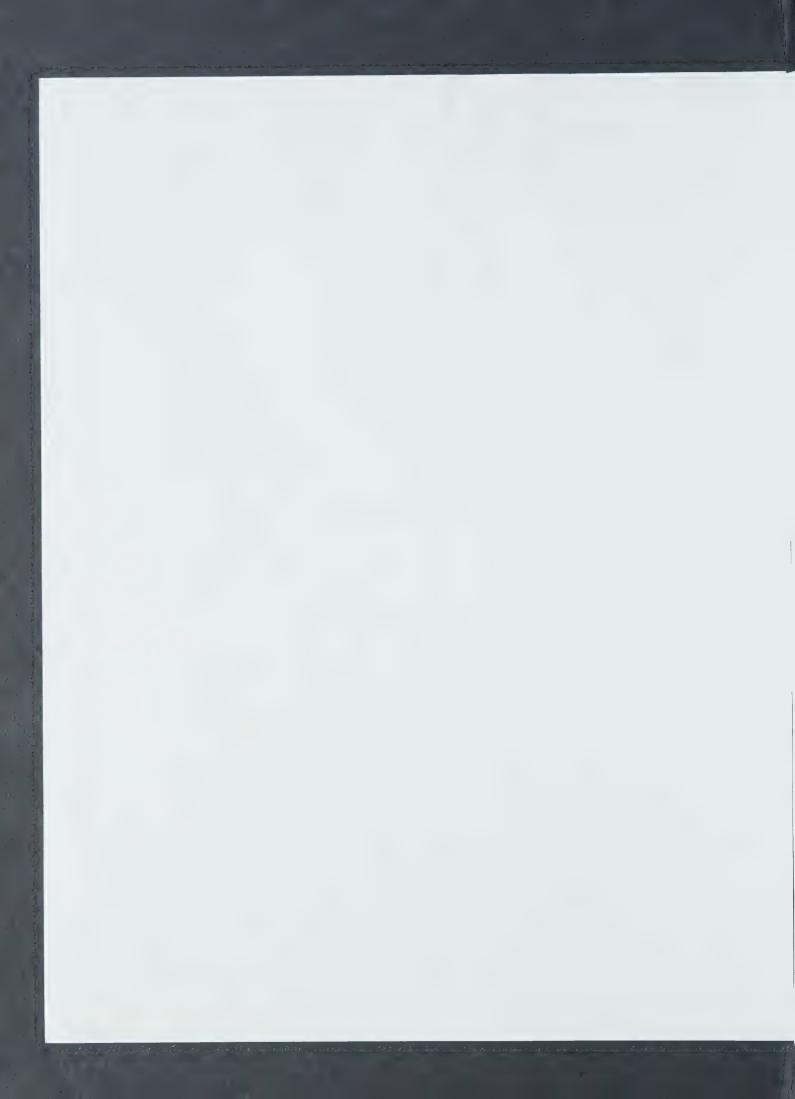


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That check was for $190,000, $90,000 for Sue and $100,000 for you. Have you
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Thanks and best regards,
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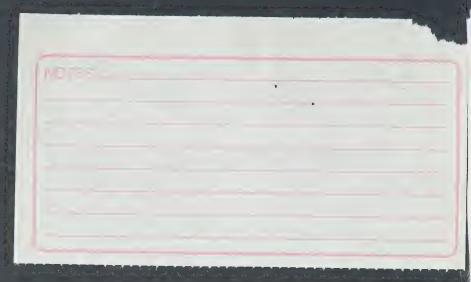
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10/5/2001

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The Joint would be happy to forward Alfred's donation on one condition: that both Alfred and the Joint are supplied with a report on how the money was spent.

Alfred, please call Mrs. Bieler on Monday.

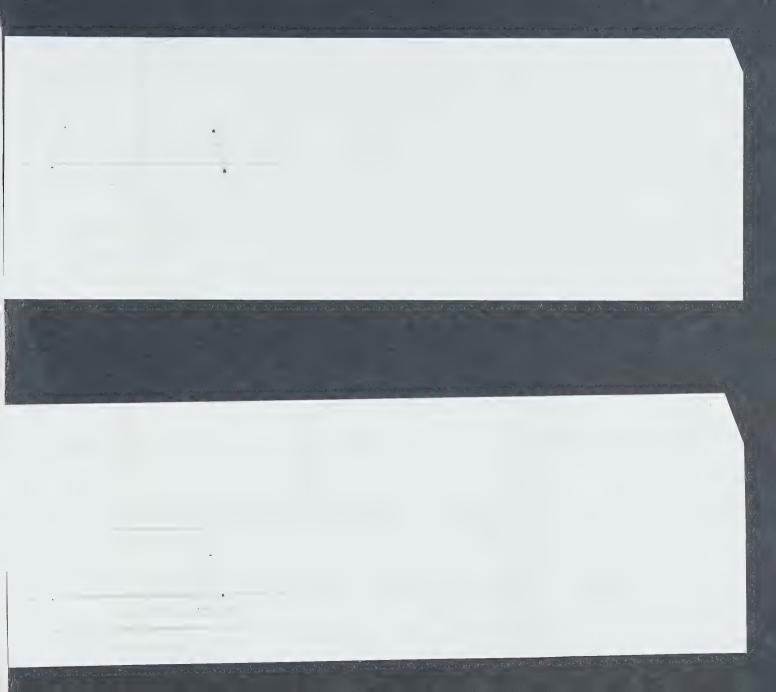
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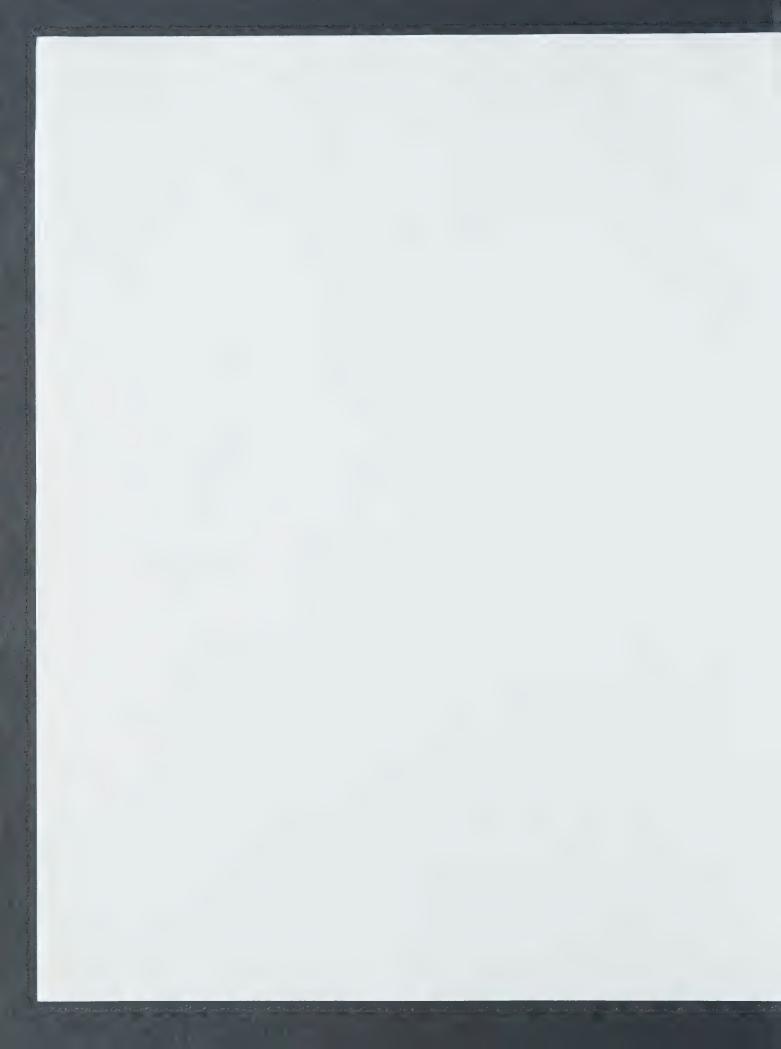
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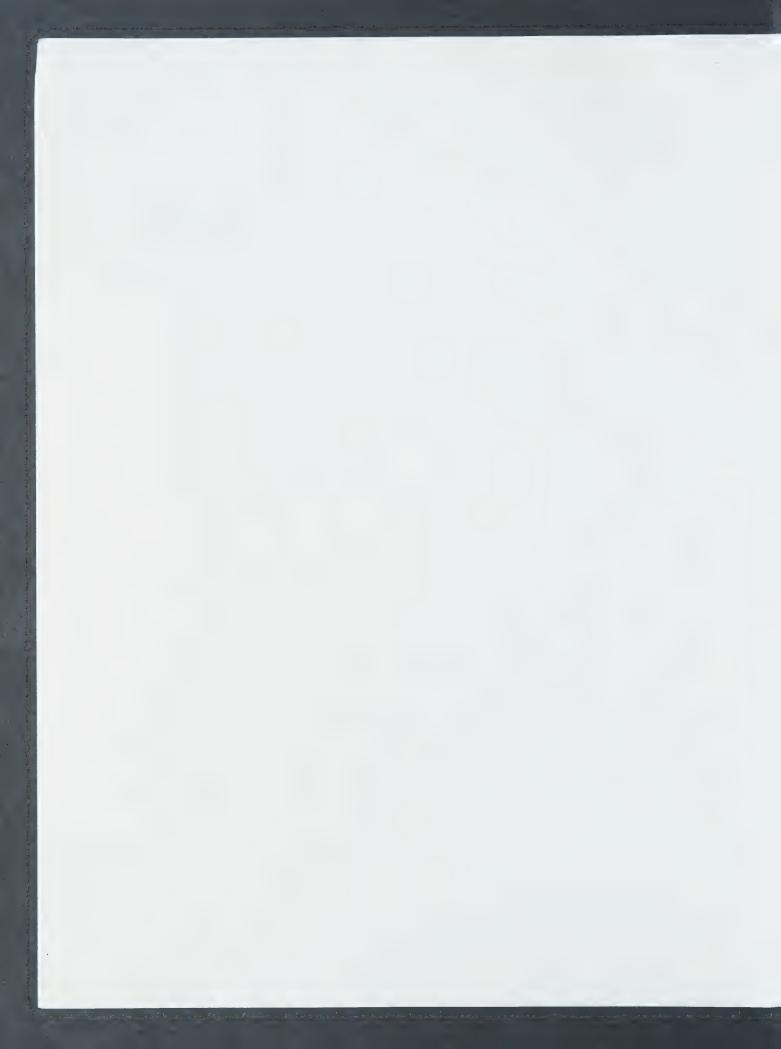
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Date: Fri, 7 Sep 2001 09:47:55 +0100 From: "Yechiel Bar Chaim" <yechiel@jdcparis.org> To: "Alfred BADER \(E-mail\)" <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred,

Ms. Jutta Bauer of the Zvi Perez Chajes Schule in Vienna has just sent me the following thank you for your donation:

We have chosen to invest the money in new computer systems for the children of the high school, because we think that education in Information Technology is extremely important for the future of young people. Without your generous donation it would have needed years to reach this high level..

Meanwhile my assistant and I are carefully and methodically forwarding the various donations you have made to recipients in the Czech Republic. There are always the most interesting (and completely unimagined beforehand) wrinkles to overcome, but we should have this responsibility fulfilled completely in the next few days.

At the same time my JDC colleagues in Israel --- with prompting from our mutual friend Fleur Hassan --- are now coming through with some interesting projects involving Palestinian and Israeli Arab youngsters. We should have a few proposals ready for you very soon, Fleur tells me.

On Monday I am due to head for Yugoslavia and Skopje. Ensuring that your donations are properly implemented is central to my agenda. The American woman who was so key to our previous Roma projects in Macedonia, Theresa Obradovich, is back. She is the person I spoke to on the phone from our London meeting last year. After a long absence to care for her ailing sister in Portland, Theresa just married her Macedonian boyfriend and is settling in Skopje. I am hoping that between her and the leaders of our local Jewish humanitarian aid society Dobra Volja we will be able to ease somewhat the plight of the Roma in the present crisis there.

On a very different note, in a tiny theater on the Ile Saint-Louis last weekend I heard an intriguing concert that might have interested you and Isabel. Two very austere performers, --- one on the oud, the dulcimer and various percussion instruments and the other a singer --- presented a program they called "From Jerusalem to Cordova." It comprised a collection of medieval religious and even mystical texts and music drawn from the different traditions surrounding the Mediterranean --- Sephardi, Catholic, Cathar, Sufi, Syrian, Armenian and others including Hildegard de Bingen. If you are ever tempted to come to this fine city, perhaps we could arrange for you to hear them?

Many fond wishes to you and Isabel and your family for the New Year.

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TO: Ms. Sue Read

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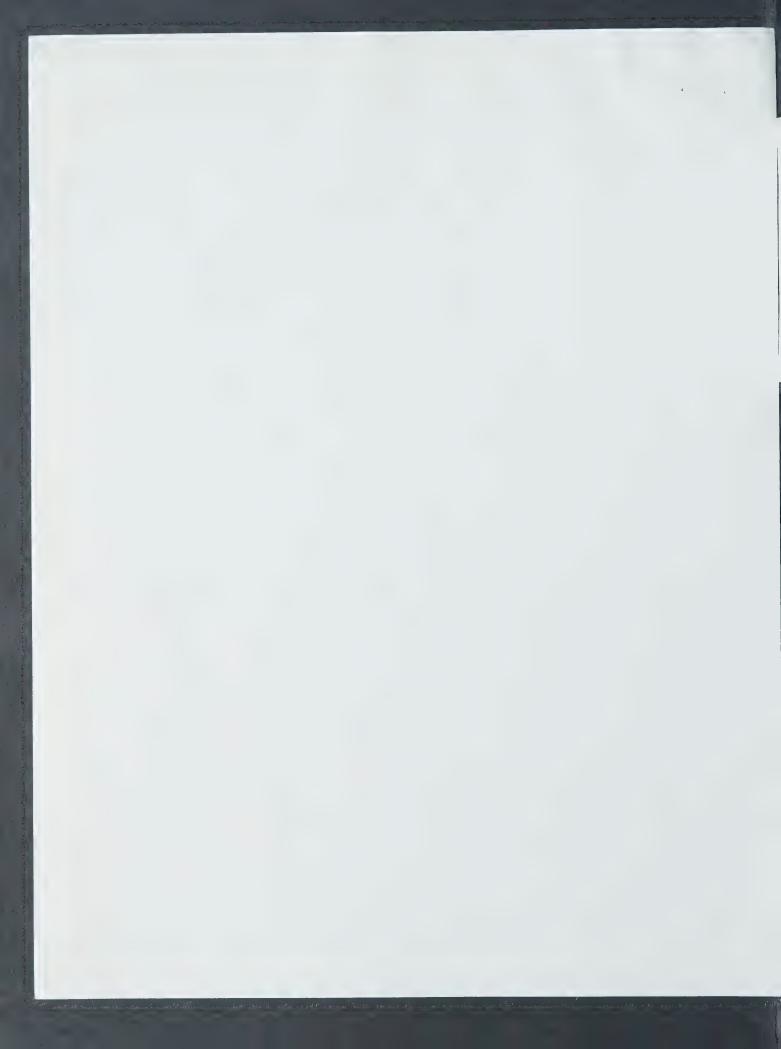
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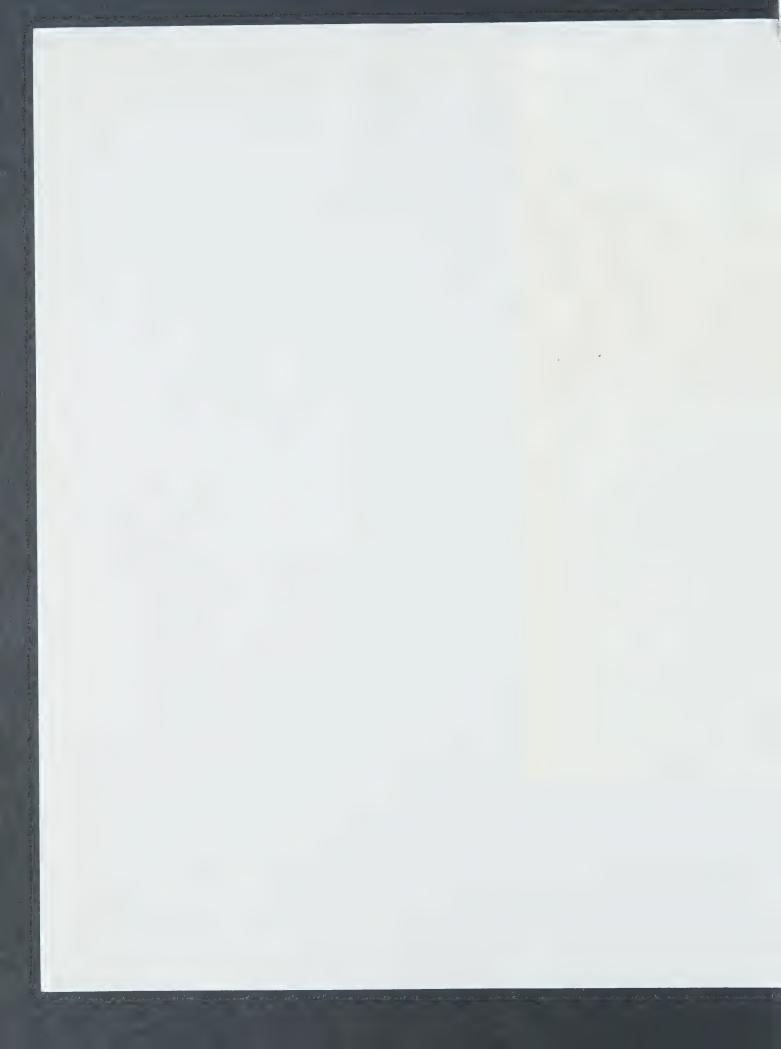
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Dear Yechiel,

Please help: you know what a good person Sue Read is and she was hoping to start filming this month, but can't really do much until she receives the \$90,000 which I sent to the Joint in New York by check 4199 on September 11th. That check was for \$190,000, \$90,000 for Sue and \$100,000 for you. Have you also not received that?

Thanks and best regards, Alfred

Yechiel Bar Chaim wrote:

5 October 2001

Dear Alfred,

Please, see below the information my colleague received.

I returned to the office today to see the brochure you mailed me. Am ready to undertake my own inquiries if you wish.

Best regards,

Yechiel Bar-Chaim

QUOTE:

-----Original Message-----From: Buesink, Jeannette [mailto:j.buesink@joodswelzijn.nl] Sent: 01 October 2001 11:16 To: Alberto Senderey Cc: Vuijsje, Hans Subject: RE: info re: the Michelle Foundation

Dear Mr Senderey,

I have passed on your e-mail to Hans Vuijsje. Some inquiries have been made. We have tried to phone the number you mentioned and we only got a voice

mail message in English. The Dutch Union of Funds does not know this foundation.

We have phoned the Chamber of Commerce in the region of Maastricht. It is registered there as: Stichting Michelle, for the support of research into and combat of tuberous sclerosis complex. It was founded on 29-12-1999 and its regulations were altered on 18-9-2001. Chairman: B. Meesters; Treasurer/Secretary: T. Noortman; Member: Mrs. D.J.J. Halleij. Phone number: 043 3216745. We do not know what this foundations reputation is.

We hope to have been of assistance.

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Yours sincerely, Jeannette Buesink

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-----Original Message-----From: Bader Fine Arts [mailto:baderfa@execpc.com] Sent: 05 October 2001 15:33 To: Yechiel Bar Chaim Subject: Michelle Foundation

Dear Yechiel,

Has your office found out anything about the Michelle Foundation in Maastricht?

Best wishes, Alfred

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September 20, 2001

Prof. Eliezer D. Jaffe Honorary Chairman The Israel Free Loan Association P.O. Box 4579 Jerusalem 91041 Israel

Dear Prof. Jaffe,

Enclosed please find our check #15-0013257 dated September 5, 2001 for the amount of \$10,000. This represents a donation from Dr. Alfred Bader, 924 East Juneau, Suite 622, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

With best regards and wishes for a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Sincerely, D

Tzivia Bieler Director, Executive Office

/tb Enclosure cc: Dr. Alfred Bader

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Mr. John D. Goldsmith Anne Frank-Fonds Steinengraben 18 CH 4051 Basel Switzerland

Dear Mr. Goldsmith,

I am pleased to send you the enclosed check #15-0013242 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

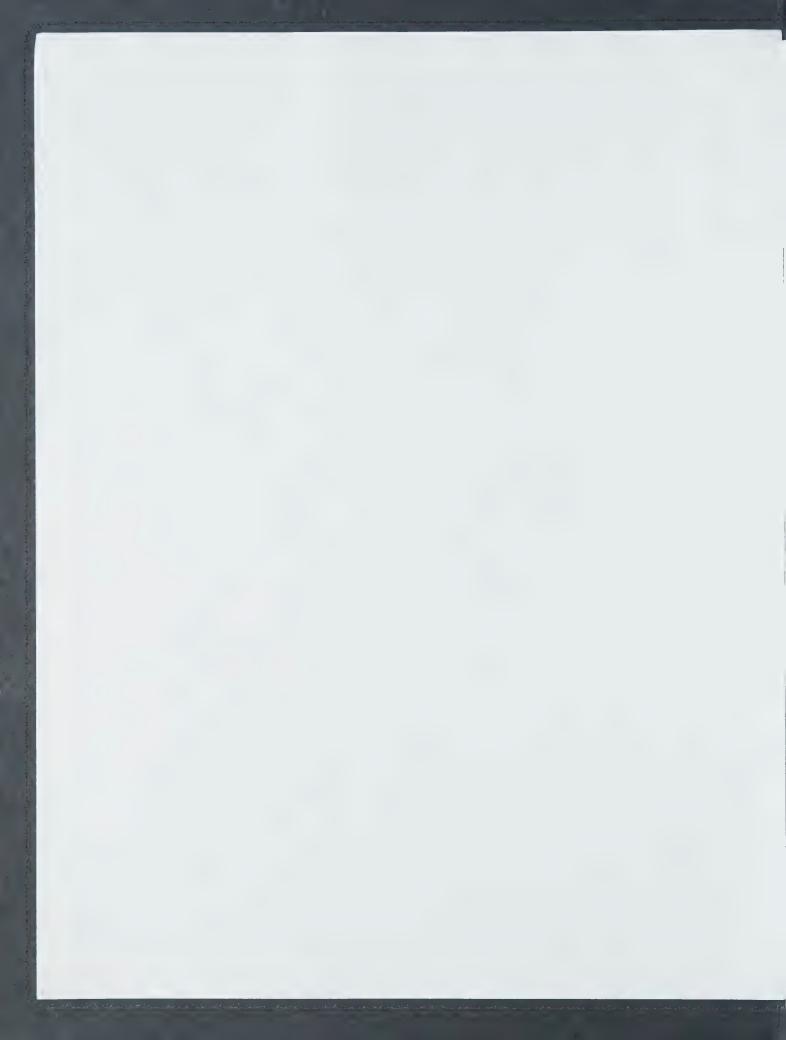
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August 10, 2001

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The two gifts to the Czech Republic should be handled through Yechiel Bar-Chaim.

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Thank you for all your help.

With all good wishes I remain

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Bader AB/az Enc. – ck. \$50,000 C: Mr. Yechiel Bar-Chaim by e-mail Mr. Daniel Bader



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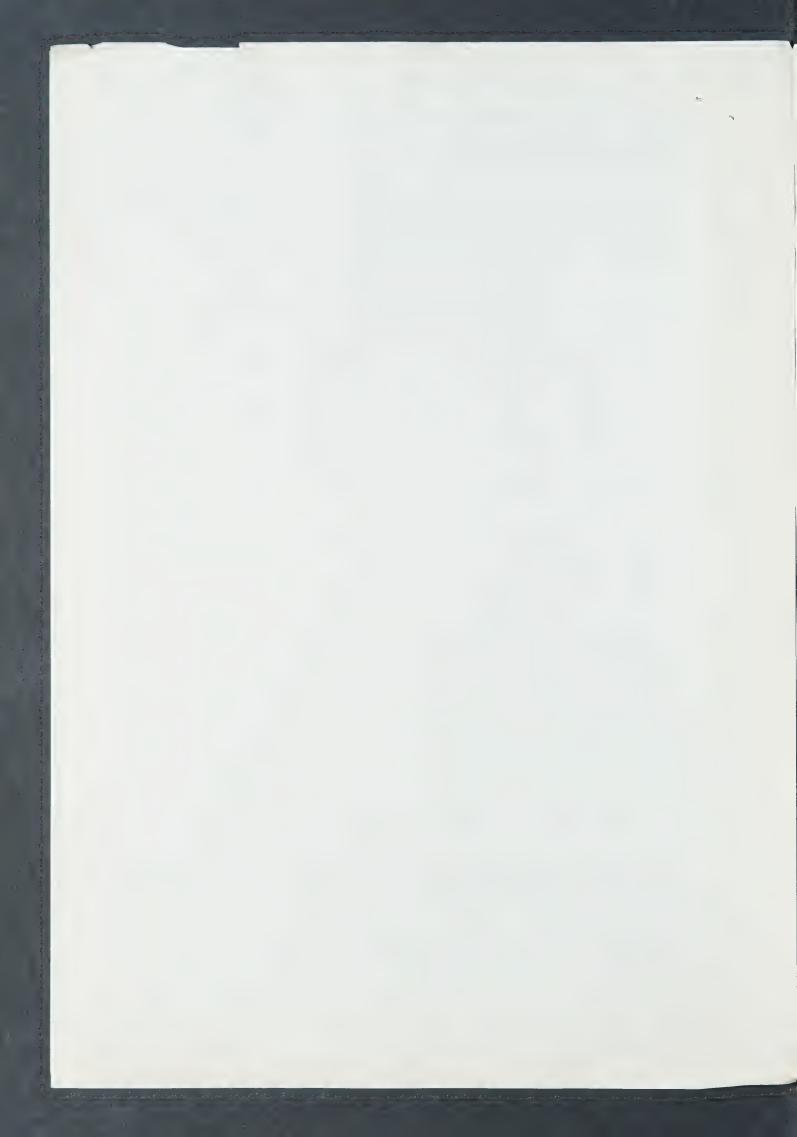
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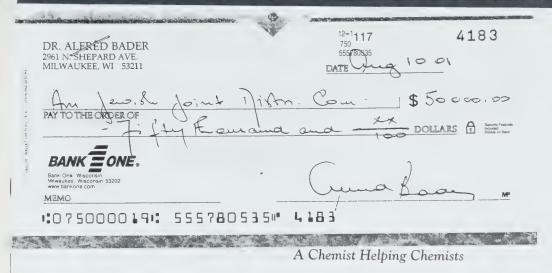
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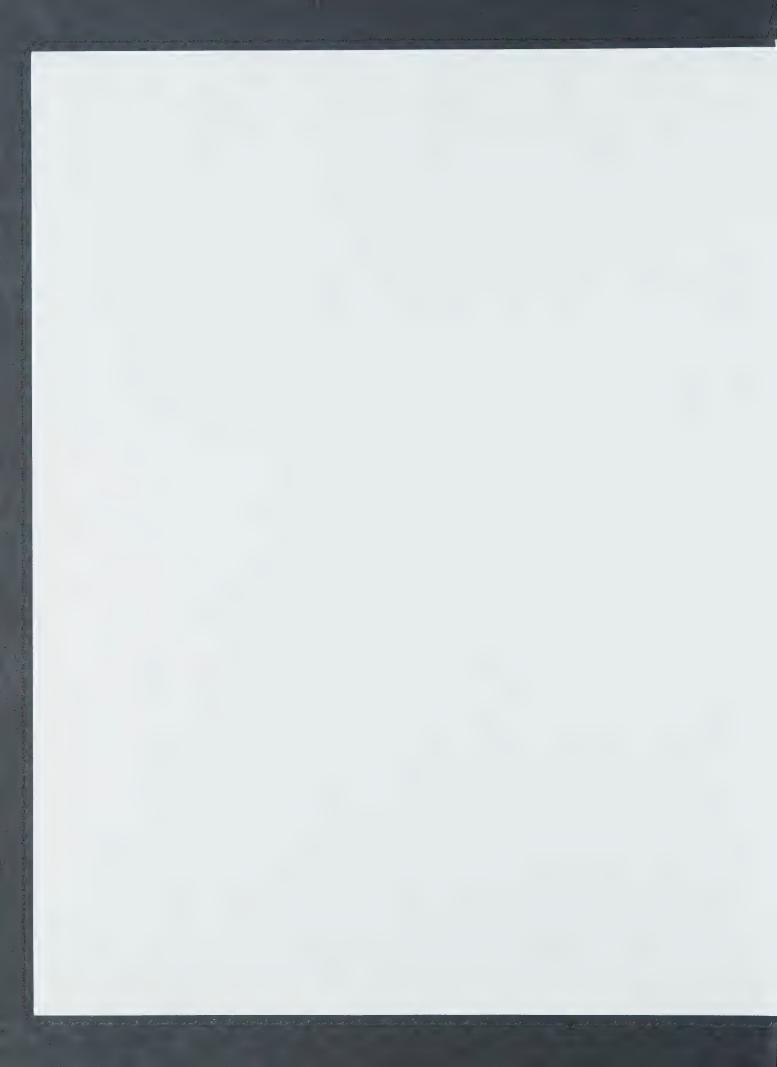
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Dear Yechiel,

Thank you so much for your detailed e-mail of today.

I don't know why the people in Sophia should be upset. A few days ago I had a lengthy letter from Dr. Jaacov Djerassi and I have sent you a copy of that and of my reply. The whole matter would be quite funny if it wasn't also somewhat sad.

I have today heard from the Masaryk University that the Agreement drafted by Marvin Klitsner, with suggestions from you, is entirely satisfactory and I have mailed them two copies signed by Isabel and myself and transferred \$20,000 to Tzivia Bieler, to be forwarded to the Masaryk University. With that I have also sent gifts for \$10,000 to top up the Bader Fellowship to Martina Solskova as recommended by Milena Bartlova, and also \$10,000 each for the Israel Free Loan Association and for the Anne Frank-Fonds in Basel. I have been sending \$10,000 each to the last two regularly for a number of years.

Under today's terrible circumstances it probably just isn't practical to try to help Palestinians but surely there must be organizations that are willing and able effectively to help Israeli Arabs. Under today's conditions it probably isn't feasible to try to help Palestinians in any way, but I would very much like to help Israeli Arabs.

I have often thought about what David Ben Gurion said in 1948:

"In our state there will be non-Jews -- and all of them will be equal citizens; equal in everything without exception ... The attitude of the Jewish state to its Arab citizens will be aqn important factor in building good neighbourly relations with the Arab states; If the Arab citizens feel at home in our state, and if his status will not be in the least different from that of the Jew...then Arab distrust will accordingly subside and a bridge to a Semitic, Jewish-Arab alliance will be built."

Do you think that the Joint can help and if so, please send me some details. Alternately, do you think that a good way to help might be via the new Israel Fund? Ralph Emanuel thinks very highly of that. Do you know it and do you agree?

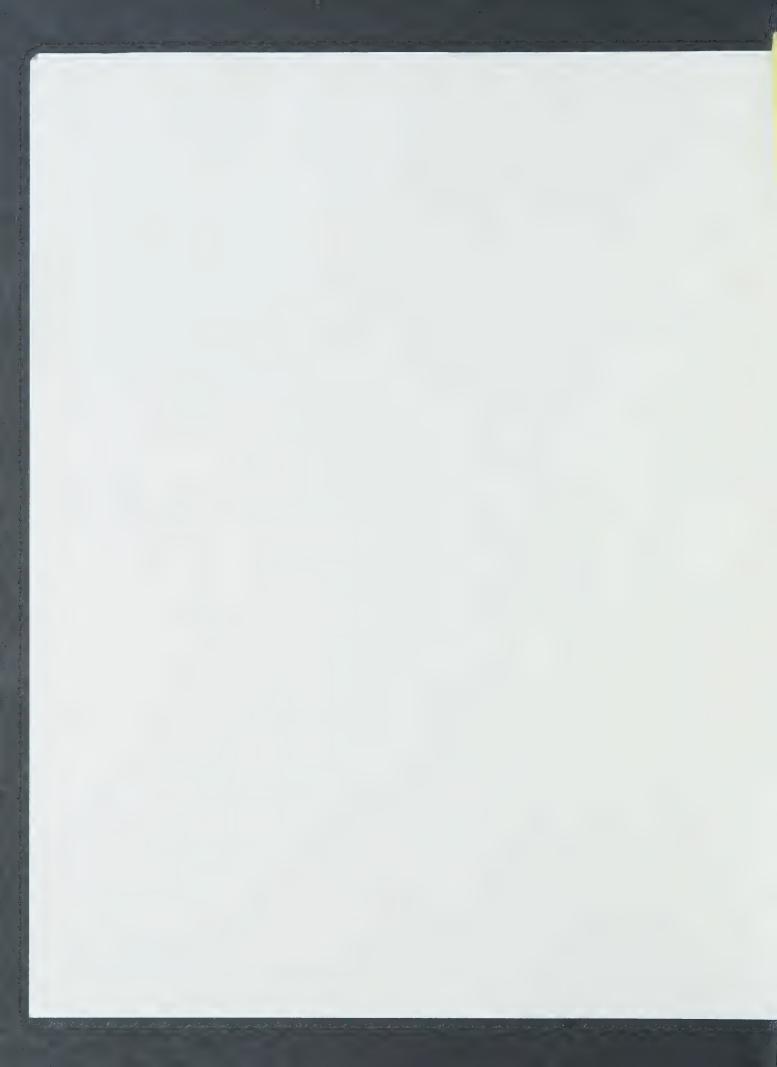
My son, Daniel, is flying to Israel next week and I will ask him to help me also.

With all good wishes and many thanks, as always, I remain

Yours sincerely, Alfred Bader

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Subject: Thank you on behalf of Gordana Abinun From: "Yechiel Bar Chaim" <yechiel@jdcparis.org> Date: Fri, 2 Aug 2002 10:12:53 +0100 To: "'Alfred Bader Fine Arts''' <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred,

Thank you very much!

Shabbat Shalom,

Yechiel

----Original Message----From: Alfred Bader Fine Arts [mailto:baderfa@execpc.com]
Sent: 31 July 2002 15:36
To: Yechiel Bar Chaim
Subject: Re: REVISED TEXT: Donation for Gordana Abinun

Dear Yechiel,

In response to your query of today, by all means use \$5,000 to help that great woman.

With fond regards as always, Alfred

Yechiel Bar Chaim wrote:

Dear Alfred,

I left out an important word the first time around. Here is the complete version.

Regards,

Yechiel -----Original Message-----From: Yechiel Bar Chaim [mailto:yechiel@jdcparis.org] Sent: 31 July 2002 09:11 To: Alfred BADER (E-mail) Subject: Donation for Gordana Abinun

Dear Alfred,

Thanks for your quick response.

1. Orders to NY are on their way so that your donations for the Czech Chemistry Olympiad and the Loschmidt Chair should reach the beneficiaries



as soon as possible.

2. Will share with you Martina's proposed program and Milena's recommendation as soon as they reach me.

3. Please see below an appeal for help that has just reached me.

You are familiar with the work of La Benevolencija in Sarajevo during and after the Bosnian conflict.

Now Gordana Abinun, a mainstay of the La Benevolencija Free Pharmacy we supplied during the war, who is also the wife of the inimitable Cicko Abinun who kept the Soup Kitchen going in the Community throughout the siege and even now, has become seriously ill. See below.

This couple is at the center of the multi-ethnic La Benevolencija Community that has found its home underneath the rose-colored synagogue in the Jewish Community of Sarajevo. I will be seeking help for Gordana all azimuths. Would you agree that I use some of the discretionary funds you have given in order to help? I was thinking of \$5,000 (which is the equivalent of 10,000 KM --- Bosnian convertible marks).

Will await your response before acting.

Sincerely yours,

Yechiel

-----Original Message-----From: Dragica Levi [mailto:dragica@open.net.ba] Sent: 30 July 2002 00:27 To: yechiel@jdcparis.org Cc: jakob Finci Subject: Donation for Gordana Abinun

Dear Yechiel,

Gordana Abinun, Cicko's wife, has beginning of the sclerosis multiplex and to stop this disease she needs interferon therapy in next two years.

Monthly cost is 2000 KM that makes 48.000 for whole period.

Cicko can give 300 KM per month and it is 7.200. La Benevolencija will give amount of 2.000, one this year and second next year. So, in this moment we can count on 9.200KM. The rest of 38.800 I would like to find out with help of our friends, and you, together with JDC, is one of them.

I'll ask help from Benevolencija Germany and Holland and from my NY friend, Jan. You know how Cicko was and is important for our Community and how Goga suffered in recent war, she lost her daughter during the siege and shelling and she never stopped to work and help in our pharmacy.

I am sure that JDC will give some financial help and if you have any suggestion to help



me in raising money I'll appreciate that. Hope to hear from you soon, we have no time to wait. Best regards, Dragica



Subject: Re: Candid Science/Aldrichimica Acta From: Hargittai <hargittai@tki.aak.bme.hu> Date: Fri, 02 Aug 2002 08:51:50 -0700

To: Alfred Bader Fine Arts <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred: Many thanks. In the meantime the marketing person of the Publisher, Thecla Teo, has sent sample copies of both Candid Science I and II to the Editor of Aldrichimica Acta. She was told that Aldrichimica Acta will evaluate the request. I am mailing you two leaflets each of Candid I and II (without a cover letter). Concerning Candid III (with your interview), it is expected to appear later in the fall. I have already corrected the first page proofs and expect the second and final round some time in September. With best wishes, Istvan

At 03:27 PM 8/1/02 -0500, you wrote: Dear Istvan,

Isabel and I have just returned from our long trip to Europe where I do not receive e-mails.

Thank you for your two communications of June 14th.

Of course we were happy to be able to spend a few hours with you in Vienna. I remember visiting Terezin and seeing where my mother lived briefly and died in November '42, so understand what impact your visit to that school had on you.

Thank you also for interceding for Dr. Rosner, hopefully, successfully.

Regarding your Candid Science books, I think these would fit very well into the Aldrichimica Acta. I left the book which you so kindly gave me in our home in Bexhill, where I enjoyed reading it very much indeed.

Could you please Air Mail to me a few flyers describing your books and I will visit with the people at Aldrich after finding out who the decision maker for books is.

Isabel and I plan to be at the Boston ACS meeting from August 18 to 22 and I would certainly have time there to discuss this with the Aldrich people.

With all good people I remain

Yours sincerely, Alfred Bader

Hargittai wrote:

Dear Alfred: I just received word from Imperial College Press that they are accelerating production of Candid Science III: More Conversations with Famous Chemists. This is the volume in which your interview figures. Also at this time I received Aldrichimica Acta 35/1, which is dedicated to Herb Brown and I enjoyed leafing through it. At the end of the issue there is the section of "From the Aldrich Bookshelf". I wonder if the Candid Science books could also be listed in this section. Is there a way to organize it. I understand that it must be an arrangement between the publisher and Aldrichimica Acta. Can you give me any advice in this connection, for instance, who should be contacted? Although Candid Science is not about reagents, but it is about the people who have used them with great success. It would be a most appropriate place to

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display these volumes. Thanks and sincerely, Istvan

Dr. Istvan Hargittai, Professor of Chemistry Budapest University of Technology and Economics H-1521 Budapest, Hungary P: 36-1-463-4051, F: 36-1-463-4052 (alternate F: 36-1-372-2731) Street address: St. Gellert ter 4, Budapest H-1111



Subject: Request for Guidance From: "Yechiel Bar Chaim" <yechiel@jdcparis.org> Date: Thu, 11 Jul 2002 09:39:13 +0100 To: "Alfred BADER \(E-mail\)" <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred,

Here is further correspondence concerning the Chemistry Olympiad.

I look to you for the final decisions as to which category of winners will get the prizes and whether the awards should be equal or gradated.

Await your guidance.

Best regards,

Yechiel

-----Original Message-----From: Miloslav Nic [mailto:nicmila@systinet.com] Sent: 11 July 2002 06:09 To: Yechiel Bar Chaim Subject: RE: FW: Dr. Bader's Support for the Czech Chemistry Olympiad

On Wed, 10 Jul 2002, Yechiel Bar Chaim wrote:

Originally I thought that the prizes should be graded, but then I spoke to Dr.Bader and he was talking about equal sums. I therefore discussed this with Prof.Sejbal and he liked the equal prizes variant as the differences between the top three are usually quite minute.

After these discussions I view these equal prizes as a very reasonable solution. Maybe, if there is a committee assigned prize, it could be possible for the committee to give this prize to an exceptional category A winner.

10 July 2002

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Thanks.

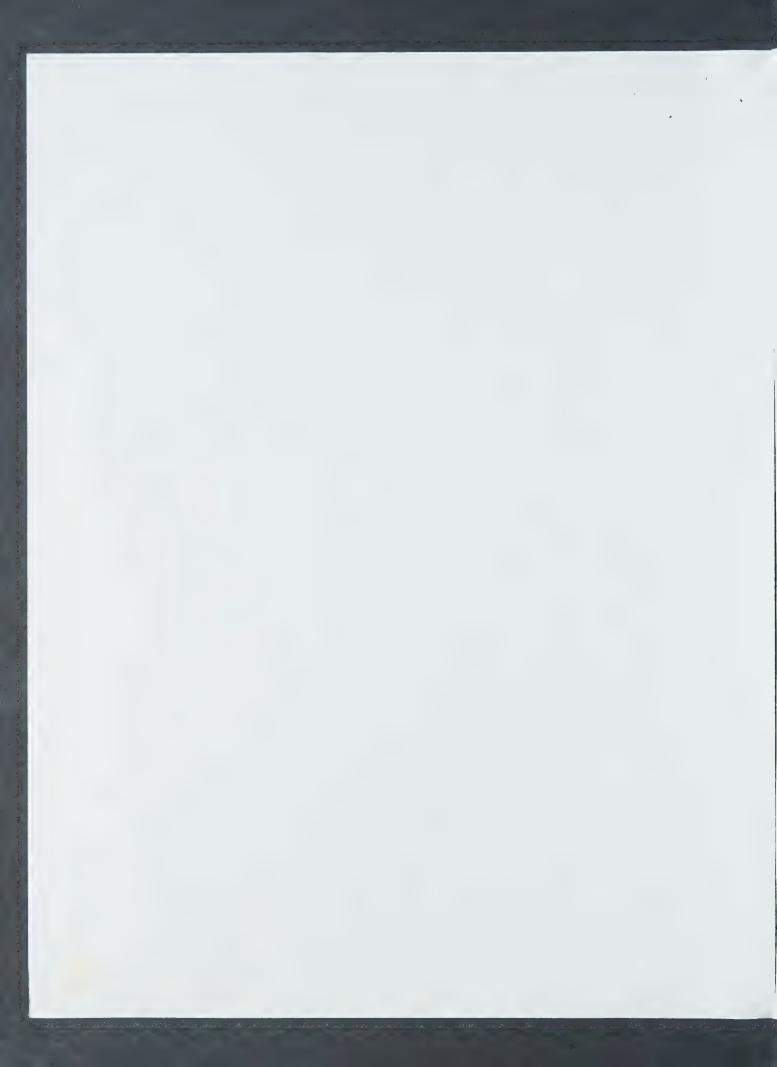
What about the question if prizes should be equal or gradated?

Best regards,

Yechiel Bar-Chaim

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On Wed, 10 Jul 2002, Yechiel Bar Chaim wrote:



Dear Yechiel,

I discussed the situation with Prof.Sejbal and I asked him about the comparison of different categories.

Category A is by far the best one and the competitors definitively deserve 3 awards (the competitors are grammar school students, usually 3rd and 4th year, but there can be exceptional students from younger classes, the last year winner was such an exception).

Category E are students of chemistry oriented secondary schools. There is just a few schools of this type in the Czech republic and an average grammar school student is usually substantially better than a chemistry school one but there are sometimes very good young chemists between them and so I believe that they do deserve 1 prize. The original proposal was considering 2 prizes, but as I had some recollections about the situation 15 years ago, I realized that with high probability the 4th student from the A category will be better than the 2nd in E.

The other categories are something like junior competitions of the above ones.

I would personally recommend the following solution:

3 prizes for A 1 prize for B 1 prize to be given to the best one from the selection: 4th in A, 2nd in

E, and winners of the other categories, to be selected by the committee.

Prof.Sejbal is apparently concerned about the fact that while the teachers are sometimes very good, it happened in the past that the winners complained about some of them as being not helpful. I am afraid he is right in some cases, but there are other teachers which are really good and worth of the risk that the prize can be sometimes allocated to the wrong

person.

P.S. I have not received any answer from my mother-in-law yet, but if τ remember correctly, the tax adviser will return from holiday next week. I will ask her again in 2 weeks time if I do not receive any answer.

Best regards,

Mila

Dear Friend,

Please see the response from Professor Sejbal below.

What response would you suggest?

Yechiel

Any news about tax-free awards? P.S.

----Original Message-----

7/11/2002 1:51 PM



Erom: Jan Sejbal [mailto:sejbal@natur.cuni.cz] Sent: 04 July 2002 11:16 To: Yechiel Bar Chaim Subject: Re: Dr. Bader's Support for the Czech Chemistry Olympiad

Dear Dr. Bar-Chaim

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Please, let me know, if the acceptance mentioned above is sufficient.

Yours sincerely

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Subject: Your Support for the Czech Chemistry Olympiad From: "Yechiel Bar Chaim" <yechiel@jdcparis.org> Date: Wed, 10 Jul 2002 13:35:40 +0100 To: "Alfred BADER \(E-mail\)" <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred,

Here is the proposal you suggested as sent to Professor Sejbal. Please see accompanying e-mail with his response and further questions.

Appreciate your guidance.

Best regards,

Yechiel

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Dear Frofessor Sejbal:

I want to thank you and your colleagues for putting together so carefully your proposal.

Dr. Bader has seen your suggestions and decided to support the Coech. Chemistry Olympiad in the following way.

The support will be renewed each year, and Dr. Bader is making arrangements so that these awards can continue for as long as the Czech Chemistry Olympiad is held.

 Prizes for the best 3 students in category A (grammar-schools, and for the 2 best students in category B (secondary technical schools) in the Nationa.

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3. Prizes for the teachers of the five award winning students (three in category A and two in category B) \$ 2,000*

* If Czech law allows for all or part of such prizes to be given tax-free to the teachers, then Dr. Bader would like to see these awards to the teachers be in Czech crowns. Otherwise the teachers should be allowed to choose whatever books they would like to receive as prizes.

Please send me your formal acceptance of this proposal and your assurances about the forthcoming round of the Czech Chemistry Olympiat.

When I receive your response, JDC will forward the funds to the Chemical Society as you instructed us in your previous e-mail.



Subject: Response to Your Offer of Support for the Czech Chemistry Olympiad From: "Yechiel Bar Chaim" <yechiel@jdcparis.org> Date: Wed, 10 Jul 2002 13:36:47 +0100 To: "Alfred BADER \(E-mail\)" <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred,

Please see below the response of Professor Sejbal and his questions.

Have asked Dr. Nic for his reaction.

Do you have a clear preference?

Best regards,

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P.S. Any news about tax-free awards?

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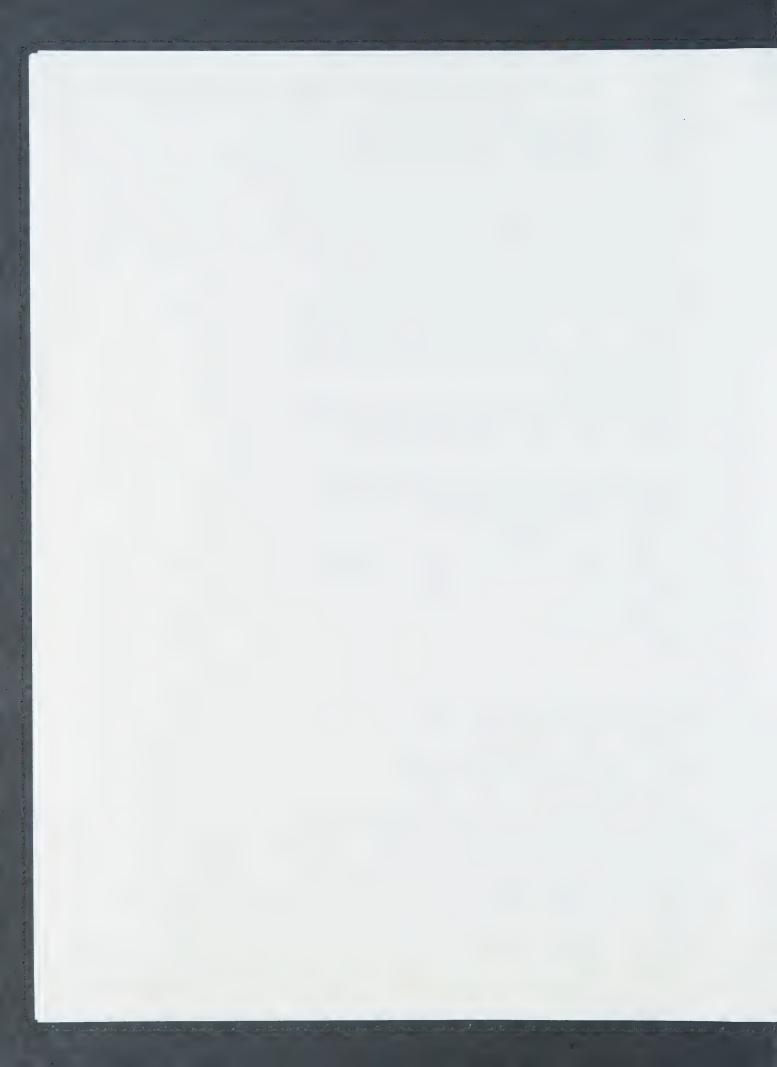
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Yours sincerely

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P.S. Am traveling (with an "expensive" portable phone). Will contact you from the 22nd.

P.P.S. How high did you go for the Rubens?

Attachments.



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21 October 2002

Lear Alfred,

Please open all the attachments. This time they are especially for you.

Best regards,

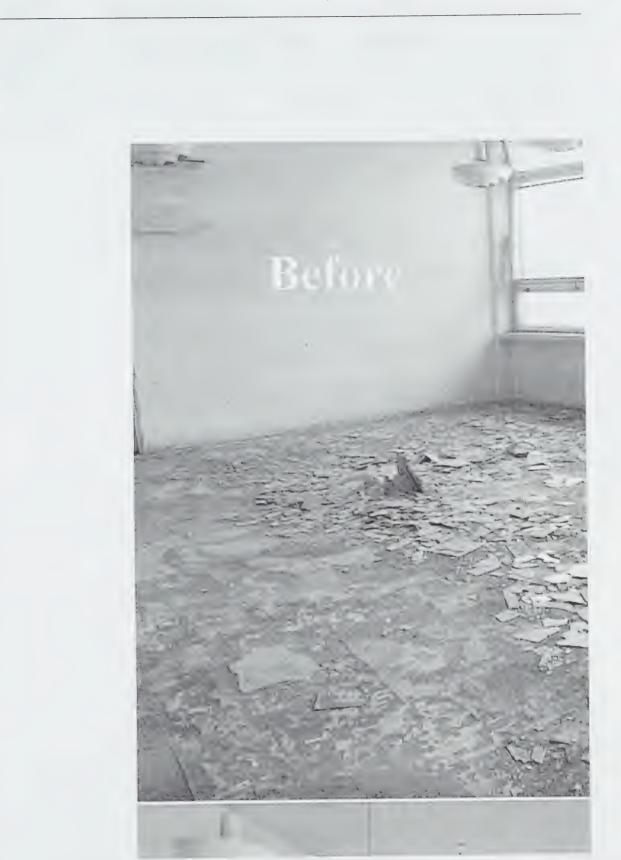
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18 October 2002

Dear Alfred,

Here is the second letter I promised you.

- 1. Please see attached several photos showing the repairs/renovations we Have accomplished at the 26th of July School in Sutu Orizeri, one of the poorest neighborhoods in Skopje serving mainly Albanian and Roma children, including those from the camps. Your help covered just over 30% of the total costs. Parents took part in the work as well by painting the classrooms with paint that we supplied.
- 2. Please also find below the text of a lecture I just videotaped for an international conference on "Anti-Semitism in the Balkans" to be held in Bled, Slovenia next week. You will see the importance I attach to the "La Benevolencija Phenomenon" which you are so very much a part of. It is your help that underwrites many of our current non-sectarian efforts in this regard in Bosnia, Macedonia, and Yugoslavia.
- 3. Thirdly, I would like to approach you with a special request.

Dr. Charles David Tauber is an American Jew born in New York to survivors from the Holocaust. He studied medicine in Holland and became a specialist in dealing with trauma. A fully-qualified psychiatrist, he began working on a shoestring in the Eastern Slavonian (Croatian) town of Vukovar seven years ago. His specialty: helping victims of war, refugees, and traumatized civilians cope with their suffering.

Dr. Tauber works with Serbs, Croats, and Bosnian Moslems in a geographical triangle (including parts of Serbia, Croatia, and Bosnia) that was particularly hard hit by the fighting. Vukovar itself was pulverized by Yugoslav artillery early in the war in Croatia, and its name belongs, as perhaps you know, on the sad list that includes such infamous places as Guernica and Lidice.

The Joint Distribution Committee receives its funds chiefly from American Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal / Federation Campaigns. The JDC also receives smaller amounts from the World Jewish Relief and communities in Europe



Dr. Tauber declares openly that he is in Vukovar because he remembers his parents' own "exodus from Egypt." He knows what being victimized by war can mean. He mentions his Jewishness and the way it inspires him, despite |(because of) the rather overt anti-Semitism sometimes shown by some of the very people he is trying to help.

For seven years Charles (we have become friends) has worked (too) selflessly, making himself available to help others at any hour of the day or night, accepting only enough money to live on, and even investing his own meagre resources in this project.

Now the shoestring has come up short. He has no reserves personal or otherwise to call upon. He needs \$5,000 to keep the operation going until the end of the year, by which time he hopes that some grant applications he has filed will be approved.

I first met him in Zagreb for a long conversation a few months ago and now brought him with me to Belgrade for further talks. He's a profoundly decent person whom I would like to help.

Alfred, may I ask you to allow me to send the sum of \$5,000 to keep his work going? It would be a mitzvah and perhaps enable him to pull through.

Best regards to you and Isabel,

Yechiel



PHILO-SEMITISM & ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE BALKANS

REFLECTIONS OF A FIELD WORKER

A lecture to be shown on videotape to an International Academic Conference on *"Jews and Anti-Semitism in the Balkans"*, being held in Bled, Slovenia, 21-23 October 2002

Introduction

Dobro Jutro -- Good Morning,

My name is Yechiel Bar-Chaim, and since November 1989 I have been working in the Balkans --- especially in the area of what was once Yugoslavia ---on behalf of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The main focus of my work has been to provide financial and professional support to the Jewish communities there, but the various wars during the past decade have also led the JOINT to help organize the evacuation and care of innocent civilians and to provide non-sectarian aid throughout the region.

Thus my experience in the Balkans has involved both intensive work with Jewish communities and also negotiations in times of crisis with both local and foreign governments as well as other civil authorities.

In relating to Jews and anti-Semitism in the region, I am speaking therefore as both a participant and an observer. Although I am neither a formal researcher nor a trained historian, I would like to share with you my perspective gained from thirteen years of working in the field.

The JOINT is a strictly non-political organization. We don't take sides, but not everyone is always ready to accept that. Sometimes we have to work extremely hard to convince others that we are operating in good faith. In a general atmosphere of mistrust and even deep suspicion, we had to demonstrate again and again to both Jews and non-Jews ----- in the region and outside of it ----- that the JOINT could be trusted to maintain our self-proclaimed neutrality.

Speaking from this non-partisan, apolitical, and yet locally-involved Jewish perspective, what then do I have to say to this conference?

What knowledge or opinions can I present to you concerning what I have called "Philo-Semitism and Anti-Semitism, Reflections of a Field Worker in the Balkans?



Outstanding Cooperation and Support

First I would like to state clearly and openly that the JOINT, represented by myself and by my colleagues, has without exception received outstanding cooperation and support from literally all the governments in the region of the former Yugoslavia throughout this past decade. The various civil, military, religious, and social authorities active on all sides of each and every conflict have unfailingly shown us their utmost goodwill. The international community has responded to our work similarly.

Let me share with you some examples:

To my knowledge the JOINT and its partners were the first to organize the evacuation of innocent civilians from Sarajevo during the war in Bosnia. To do so we needed cooperation from Sarajevo, Zagreb, and Belgrade.

The fighting broke out on Sunday night. By Wednesday morning, the President of the Sarajevo Jewish Community phoned our group in Zagreb to ask for help.

By that Friday, in cooperation with the Federation of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia, Jasa Binenfeld of Zagreb and my colleague Eli Eliezri had leased three Yugoslav Air Force planes to fly to Sarajevo and bring back innocent civilians. There had to be a kind of "suspension of mistrust" on all sides. Only then, could the planes fly into what was then an "enemy capital" and rescue local civilians, who themselves could only reach the airport with the cooperation of the local Bosnian authorities.

Two more such air evacuations were organized in the following weeks in what the Jews of Sarajevo termed "*Haggada Beit*".

The Jewish evacuees from Sarajevo were received in Serbia without any difficulty. The JOINT, in cooperation with World Jewish Relief of the U.K., paid for their food and accommodations for as long as was necessary. First Hotel Toplice in Belgrade and soon thereafter Hotel Tamis in Pancevo became warm and lively centers for these evacuees.

This experience was later duplicated on the Dalmatian Coast. Once the Sarajevo Airport was closed by the war, Jewish activists and leaders in Sarajevo and Zagreb began to organize multi-ethnic bus convoys to evacuate those in need to Croatia. Sometimes with the direct involvement of JOINT *sur place* ---and sometimes only with our financial support --- they were able to arrange temporary cease-fires between the warring parties and hire buses so that the evacuees could make their way to the Coast in complete safety. Since we know by sad experience that the convoys assembled by other organizations were sometimes attacked, attaining these "Jewish cease-fires" should be seen as no small achievement.



In addition, I should point out that these convoys actually took place after the Croatian Government had officially closed the border to Bosnian refugees. The entry permits were negotiated on the basis of promises from the JOINT and World Jewish Relief to care for the Jewish evacuees once they arrived in Croatia.

I do not want to gloss over various mishaps and wartime tensions --- and even moments of danger --- that made these "safe" convoys a harrowing experience no matter how you look at them. But let it be recorded that everyone arrived safely. I happen to know that at first hand, because I was often the one waiting in Pirovac, Split, or Makarska to welcome the evacuees and make sure they had decent housing, food, and medical care for as long as they needed such support.

The JOINT has already publicly acknowledged and expressed its thanks to the management of the hotels in Makarska, to the public health center there, and to the Zenta Old Age Home in Split for their readiness to assist the Jewish evacuees. Approached first of all by Edo Tauber, then President of the Split Jewish Community, all those involved showed exceptional consideration in responding to the needs of Jews, many of them elderly who were fleeing for their lives and not for the first time.

An Awareness of the Holocaust

The second point that I would like to make is that throughout the various wars an awareness of the Holocaust, ---of what had already happened to the Jews of this region --- was one of the elements that everyone had in mind. The Jewish Holocaust of World War II cast a long shadow during these bitter internecine conflicts. From what I could observe, empathy and identification with Jews became nearly universal.

At different times and in different places during the war, I can remember listening to Serbs, Croats, and Bosnian Moslems. Faced with their own terrible suffering, they found in the fate of the Jews a point of reference. It was for me a strange proof of the universality of Jewish experience to hear people who were fighting each other actually express themselves in nearly the same terms:

"Now we know what you went through."

"In this war we feel as if we were Jews."



This reaction --- an identification with Jewish suffering on the part of non-Jews caught up in a brutal war --- was, as I have said, omnipresent in the region during the conflict in Bosnia. It should be mentioned as well that many Jews abroad also made the same connection.

What eventually gave this feeling worldwide importance, however, was --from what I have learned --- primarily the reaction of one man, himself a survivor of the German camps, Elie Wiesel.

You will recall that the first Clinton Administration carefully kept its distance from the fighting in Bosnia and resisted efforts to persuade it to intervene militarily. Living in Paris, I thought that it was the French President, Jacques Chirac, who finally shamed the Americans into taking decisive action.

But I have been told on good authority, by someone who was very close to the actual events, that Elie Wiesel's public and private statements had a telling impact on U.S. policy --- independently of all the other considerations that came into play.

It is well-known that during the Dedication Ceremony inaugurating the Holocaust Museum in Washington, Mr. Wiesel, speaking of the conflict in Bosnia, turned publicly to President Clinton, who was present at the time and cried out,

"Do something Mr. President! Do something!"

That much is public knowledge. What is not known widely, however, is that after this ceremony Mr. Wiesel was apparently invited back to the State Department to sit down with leading American diplomats. There he strenuously made the case for a clear and forceful American response to the war in Bosnia, for action that would give credibility to the oft-heard but less-often heeded battle-cry "Never Again!". A participant in these events described to me how Wiesel's "Jewish passion" eventually wore down the studied imperviousness of State Department officials.

When as many as 750,000 Albanian refugees fled from Kosovo to neighboring Albania and Macedonia, --- and were seen on CNN being driven away from their homes in lorries and sent into exile travelling on overcrowded trains --- this seeming parallel to the Jewish fate in World War II became inescapable in the minds of people throughout the world.



The "La Benevolencija Phenomenon"

Thirdly I would like to highlight the singularly positive reaction of Jews and non-Jews throughout the former Yugoslavia --- and beyond --- to what could be termed the "La Benevolencija phenomenon." By this I mean the organization of local Jewish communities with the help of their supporters abroad to provide desperately needed humanitarian aid to Serbs, Croats, Bosniacs and later Albanians, Macedonians, Kosovars of all nationalities and Roma.

It appears to be a commonly held notion --- with or without anti-Semitic overtones --- that Jews supposedly "look out (only) for their own." It is as if we had learned only the first precept taught by one of our great sages, Rabbi Hillel,

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me?"

Conventional wisdom also has it that the Jewish communities in the Balkans that survived the Holocaust must be weak and disappearing.

So, when in 1992 the Jews of Sarajevo adapted their century-old cultural and humanitarian aid organization, La Benevolencija, to serve as a channel to help people of all nationalities in their besieged city, their initiative appears to have startled friend and foe alike.

"Had the Jews in the Balkans suddenly risen from the ashes like a Phoenix?"

"Were the few Jews who had survived World War II and their offspring really to become a source of sustenance for their non-Jewish neighbours?"

Hillel's second precept, "If I am only for myself, what am I?" suddenly came to the fore. The President of the JOINT at the time, Mrs. Sylvia Hassenfeld, immediately agreed to test this idea, and we became staunch supporters of this venture. Friends of La Benevolencija organizations sprung to life throughout Western Europe.

Especially when the three major ethnic groups in Bosnia ---Serbs, Croats and Muslims --- began fighting each other, La Benevolencija came into its own. Christian, Muslim, and non-denominational aid organizations all contacted the JDC-backed offices of La Benevolencija in Split and Sarajevo to find a way to send in their aid to the besieged capital. In addition to Jewish organizations, even Arab philanthropic associations from the Gulf States successfully used the "Jewish channel" to send in aid.



For a while La Benevolencija became, if the information I have is correct, the most important non-governmental supplier of humanitarian aid to the city.

At one point, the La Benevolencija truck filled with badly-needed goods drove straight past a long line of lorries held up for days at the border between the Bosnian Croat and Muslim-controlled areas. Anxious perhaps about a possibly negative reaction to this trust shown to the Jews, I asked Vinko Brkic, who headed the La Benevolencija office in Split at the time,

"How did the other truckers react?"

There they were tired and dirty, baking in the sun. Any fresh food they had was rotting in their trucks. They had been stuck at Kiseljak for days, and then this big, white La Benevolencija truck with a giant blue menorah painted on its side sails by and crosses the checkpoint without any difficulty?"

"How did they react?"

"They cheered," Vinko replied simply.

Indeed the whole world was cheering. Ed Serotta published a book about the phenomenon called <u>Survival in Sarajevo</u> and his photos of the multi-ethnic team assembled around the La Benevolencija menorah to help their neighbours of all faiths were shown widely. The French government, the German government, other governments and even Pope John Paul II honoured La Benevolencija.

Today, the JOINT has gone on to support sister La Benevolencija organizations in Serbia and Macedonia as well.

Anti-Americanism instead of anti-Semitism

The only tentative exception to the nearly universal goodwill and readiness to help that the JOINT experienced was a certain anti-American sentiment in present-day Yugoslavia that understandably came to the fore ----and curtailed our ability to act for a while ---- in the time just prior to, during, and after the NATO bombing campaign.

Here the issue was neither philo- nor anti-Semitism. The JOINT is, after all, an American organization and therefore fell victim (for a moment) to the armed hostility at the time between the United States and Yugoslavia.



Conclusion: "And if not now, when?"

What then is one to make of this testimony?

We have to recognize both its import and its limitations:

I am reporting about external behavior, deeds not attitudes. I cannot say what was in people's hearts. I would not dare to speculate about motives.

We know enough about human nature to realize that kindness and cooperation one day can be replaced by their opposite the next.

Alas, if the most recent Balkan Wars have taught us anything, it is surely that yesterday's friend can be hostile tomorrow.

To put what I have said in perspective, representatives of local communities will need to bear witness themselves as to their own experience during these times of trouble.

Now and in future years, from the standpoint of their broader knowledge and awareness, historians and other scholars will have to evaluate what the evidence presented here really means. They – in fact you conferees -- will need to guide us as to how this narrative should be understood.

Anti-Semitism in its various forms has proven to be one of the most durable phenomena in human history. There is no reason to think it came to an end in the Balkans in the 1990's.

Still as this Conference discusses the historical and theological roots of Balkan anti-Semitism, the interests it has served and still underpins, the new shapes and strange twists that modern anti-Semitism manages to take in the Balkans and elsewhere, I believe that one will also have to take into account the points I have enumerated above.

Let me spell out once more what I have observed and been a part of these last 13 years:

One: The unfaltering cooperation of local, national, and international authorities that we encountered in moments of peril.

Two: The nearly universal awareness of the Holocaust and its implications for those caught up in conflict, and

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Three: The outpouring of appreciation for Jews in the region and their supporters who – in the middle of bitter inter-ethnic warfare – saw clearly that, perhaps for only a brief moment in time, they/we had a nearly unique opportunity to help others and who moved to do so in ways that still do us all proud.

Fortunately, that last observation allows me to close by citing the third part of Hillel's statement. Here it is in full:

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Thank you for your attention.

Hvala Lepo.

Yechiel Bar-Chaim JDC Country Director for Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia, and Yugoslavia 14 October 2002

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