

ZOA 79th NATIONAL CONVENTION



ZOA HOUSE, NEW YORK:— Bernard M. Rifkin, veteran Zionist leader and a member of the Zionist Organization of America Administrative Board, has been appointed Chairman of the National Convention Committee for the ZOA 79th Annual Convention, scheduled to be held in New York City at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, September 9th - 12th 1976.

The announcement of the appointment was made today by Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, President of the 120,000 member ZOA, and noted that the theme of the 79th Convention would be "Israel and the U. S. Bicentennial."

Mr. Rifkin has been active in the Zionist movement for the past 25 years. He is an attorney and Vice President and General Counsel of a New York based title insurance company.

As National Chairman for Youth Activities for the ZOA, he has largely been responsible for the growth of the ZOA Youth Movement, Masada, to a total of 3,000 members and he has supervised the rapid expansion of summer programs based at the ZOA Kfar Silver Educational Center in Israel. He, himself, served as past president of the ZOA Youth Movement.

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Pilgrimage

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

Hundreds of projects highlighted our Bicentennial observance.

One of the most unusual took place in Wilmington, N.C.

There the citizens of the city took part in a pilgrimage of their religious institutions.

Eleven churches and a synagogue were hosts to the pilgrims who marched from one building to the other and there heard from spiritual leaders the doctrines which motivate each.

The enterprise was marked by the publication of a booklet, "Little Journeys into Lands of Living Faiths," with sketches of each structure and a history of each.

The project was inspired and led by one of our most ingenious rabbis, Dr. Martin Weitz.

A native of Colorado who has authored some dozen books, Rabbi Weitz made a strong impact on every community where he has served: Atlantic City, N.J., where he started a community college; Kenosha, Wisconsin, Des Moines, Iowa, etc. For a time he headed a center for interfaith studies at a Negro college, Lincoln, in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Weitz was lauded by one of his senators, Jesse Helms, who inserted into the Congressional Record a report about the interfaith project. We join Sen. Helms in saluting a fine rabbi!

Senate Shows Teeth

The Senate approval of a provision in the Tax Reform Act that will penalize corporation executives for compliance with the Arab boycott against Israel is a most welcome development. The 86-1 vote for it shows a strong feeling in the country against the compliance of American companies with the boycott. Even the one Senator who voted against the provision, Floyd Haskell (D, Colo.), said he was not against the provision but opposed the entire Tax Reform Act.

The provision adopted by the Senate, known as Title Ten of the Trade Reform Act, would subject corporate executives to penalties, including a year in jail, for failing to report any corporate incomes in any country that requires participation in the boycott. The thinking in the Senate, as demonstrated by the overwhelming vote, was that if company executives realize that they will be held personally responsible they will not be so quick to justify caving in to the Arab boycott.

The Senate bill is one of many in both Houses of Congress aimed at combatting the boycott. Representatives of Jewish organizations have correctly argued that the boycott cannot be defeated unless there is strong national legislation aimed at preventing the use of the boycott to discriminate against Israel or American Jews in any part of this country. At present, several states have passed anti-boycott legislation but the Arabs have gotten around this by shifting to other states.

Even more important than the legislation is the willingness of the Administration to enforce the laws. The Administration could have combatted the boycott by the existing laws -- although they do not have the teeth in the legislation now being considered. But, while President Ford has spoken out against the boycott, other arms of the Administration have been lax in enforcing U.S. anti-boycott laws. Now that strong laws are coming into existence it will be necessary for whoever is elected President in November to see that the legislative words are put into administrative action.

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM SISTERHOOD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



NEW MEMBERS TO SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM, CAROL PASTOR, SEATED LEFT, ANITA TELL, SEATED CENTER, AND SUSAN POMERANTZ, RIGHT, WERE WELCOMED BY SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT SANDY BROWN TO A TEA WHERE PLANS WERE DISCUSSED FOR THE ZUBIN MEHTA CONCERT ON AUGUST 26 AT THE ALADDIN THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS.

Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom honored new members at a welcome tea held in the home of Marilyn Sayegh.

Guests Susan Pomerantz, Carol Pastor, Anita Tell and Louise Broitman were greeted by the board of directors who explained Sisterhood's purposes, goals and projects for the new fiscal year.

Among the first events planned is an "Evening With Zubin Mehta" to be held Thurs-

day, August 26, 8:30 p.m. at the Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts. The program will feature the music of Tchaikovsky with the internationally known Zubin Mehta conducting the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra.

Tickets will be \$25 per person and all proceeds over and above the cost of the tickets will benefit the Beth Sholom Sisterhood. Tickets will be available at Temple Beth

Sholom or by calling the Robert Frost residence.

Other activities discussed with the new members at the tea were the upcoming art auction, mother-daughter tea, bingo party, fashion show, and theatre party -- all projects currently in the planning stages and guaranteed to insure Sisterhood and the general community another year filled with diverse activities.

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