

Conference of Jewish Educators To Convene in San Antonio

Jewish educators representing all ideologies will travel from all over the U.S., Canada, Israel, England and other countries to participate in the eighth annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education at Trinity University in San Antonio, Tex., from Aug. 7-11, 1983.

The annual CAJE Conference is the largest gathering anywhere of individuals concerned with Jewish education. Participants include teachers, rabbis, cantors, principals, administrators, youth workers, social workers, writers, artists, librarians, camp personnel, and community leaders.

New features at this CAJE Conference, the first to be held in the Southern region will include the Israel Pavilion, a series of problem-solving clinics, forums, roundtable discussions, and Ha'azinu -- listen! These new dimensions are in addition to some of the features that CAJE is already well-known for: 1) in-depth modules, lehrhausen and Limud Torah sessions -- all led by outstanding Jewish educators, 2) Jewish Teacher Center, 3) Computer Information Center, 4) Pre-Conference Shabbat experience and 5) Pre-conference Mini-Conferences.

The new Israel Pavilion, a joint venture between CAJE and the World Zionist Organization, will include displays, multi-media presentation, lectures, films, debates, and the most up-to-date educational resources currently available on Israel. Israel Pavilion Presenters coming here from the Melton Center for Jewish Education in the Diaspora at Hebrew University in Jerusalem are: Dr. Barry Chazan, Dr. Dahlia Ofer, Dr. Steve Copeland, and Beverly Gribetz. Also, Dr. David Zisenwine, who is Dean of Jewish Education at Tel Aviv University and Dr. Aviv Ekrony, Director of the Department of Education and Culture at the World Zionist Organization and Dr. Chaim Lavy from Youth Aliyah in New York.

The series of problem-solving clinics ("B'aya

O'fiteron") will focus on problems and solutions in such areas as: Single Parent Family Programs, Using Parents as Teachers, Sharing Spaces - Day and Religious Schools, Budgeting on a Shoestring, Jews in Small Towns, and Running a Jewish School in an Isolated Community. Forums will be designed to facilitate dialogue between Jewish educators and laypeople. Among the subjects for discussion are: Working with Religious and Day School Boards, Jewish Education?, and Our Responsibility to our College Students. Roundtable discussions will take place during lunch. Ha'azinu -- listen! will be Hyde Park soap box time, to take place during the dinner hour.

Prior to the actual conference, CAJE also offers a special CAJE Shabbat experience and a series of mini-conferences. The following mini-conferences will take place in San Antonio: Drama and Jewish Education: Exploring Total Jewish Experiences in the Classroom, Research in Jewish Education, Orthodox Involvement in CAJE, Computer Literacy, Small Religious Schools - Meeting Their Needs, Sharing Human and Material Resources in Jewish Education, Mikveh Education, Hebrew Names, and Integrating Secula and Jewish Studies.

Chairperson of the San Antonio CAJE Conference is Shirley Barish of Houston, Tex. Current members of the Executive Board of CAJE, The Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education, are: Dr. Stuart Kelman of Los Angeles, Chairperson; Seymour Rossel of Chappaqua, New York, Vice-Chairperson; Fran Levey-Malerman of Philadelphia, Membership Chairperson; and Janie Trencher Jaffe of New York, Treasurer. Members-at-Large are Shana Kramer of New York, Fran Finstad of Minneapolis and Ruth Frank Lipshitz of Richmond, Vt. The regional Mazkirim include Penny Wities for the Western Region, Fran Hirschman for the Eastern U.S., Meir S. Mark in the Central Region and Arnie Samlan representing the Southern Region.

For further information, contact the Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education, 468 Park Avenue South, Room 904, New York, NY 10016.

Young Israel House At Yale



Pictured above, the presentation of a plaque at the Young Israel House on the campus of Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, honoring the endowment of the facility for Jewish students by Mr. Norman Allen, prominent Midwest philanthropist. The presentation was made at the 8th annual Senior Dinner of the Young Israel House at Yale. (Left to right) Alan A. Mond, of the staff of the National Council of Young Israel; Gerald Weisberg, Chairman of the Campus Committee of the National Council; Barbara Horowitz, incoming president of the Young Israel House; Myron Tanin, outgoing president of the Young Israel House; Rabbi Jacob Mendelson, spiritual advisor of the Young Israel House and rabbi of the Young Israel of New Haven; Jordan Lurie, Master of Ceremonies at the dinner; and Mrs. Ruth Saperstein, of the Presidium of the Women's League of the National Council.

In addition to providing kosher food to Yale students, the Young Israel House, under the guidance of Rabbi Mendelson, offers a wide variety of Jewish educational and religious programs. The Women's League of the National Council of Young Israel has committed itself in the coming year to a major fund-raising effort to support Young Israel programs on the college campus.

The Young Israel House is planning to celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala dinner, planned for the fall, honoring Mr. Allen and the founders of the house.

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