

JDC Seeks Help In Finding Descendants Of Founders



NEW YORK: — The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is seeking the names of descendants of those who attended its first Executive Committee meeting in the library of the Warburg mansion in New York, in 1918, as shown above.

The JDC has already traced more than 100 descendants of the original participants and is seeking information about descendants of the following people, which in preliminary checks it has been unable to locate: Col. Harry Cutler of Providence, Rhode Island; Jacob Milch of Brooklyn, New York; Judge Leon Sanders of Cedarhurst, Long Island; Col. Moses Schonberg of St. Louis, Missouri; and Louis Topkis of Wilmington, Delaware.

Through the Executive Committee meeting took place in 1918 in the building that is now the Jewish Museum, the JDC traces its origins to August 1914 when a cable from the United States Ambassador to Turkey, Henry Morgenthau, first alerted the American Jewish community to the plight of the Jews in Palestine and asked for \$50,000 to establish a loan fund for families of colonists whose breadwinners had entered the Turkish army. The cable, which was addressed to Jacob Schiff in New York, received a quick and generous response. Aid to the Jews of Palestine was soon followed by aid to the Jew of Eastern Europe and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) was formed to coordinate the relief activities. Known around the world as "The Joint," it is celebrating its 70th Anniversary in 1984.

Among the well-known personalities attending the 1918 Executive Committee meeting were Louis Marshall, prominent attorney and communal leader; Herbert H. Lehman, who later became Governor of New York and United States Senator; Felix Warburg and Jacob Schiff, noted financiers and philanthropists. Also at the meeting was Israel Friedlander, a member of the JDC field staff who, together with Rabbi Dr. Bernard Cantor, was killed in 1920 in Poland while trying to bring money to Jewish communities trapped behind the Polish-Russian lines.

The JDC has programs in more than 30 countries around the world. Its annual budget, in excess of \$45 million, is of direct benefit to nearly half a million men, women and children. The bulk of JDC's income is received from UJA/Federation campaigns.

If you have information about missing founders, please write:

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GENEVA (WNS) — Delegations of Arab and Moslem countries walked out of the annual conference of the International Labor Organization in protest against a speech by President Louis Alberto Mänge of Costa Rica, which recently moved its Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Arab sources said only 50 of the 133 delegations remained to hear Mänge. But he received a standing ovation from the western nations, led by the U.S.

Syria Getting Total Control Of Lebanon

NEW YORK (WNS) — The commander-in-chief of the Lebanese Forces, El Fadhi Frem, warned that continued Syrian influence in Lebanon could result within a few months in Syria's "total control of Lebanon and its removal from any affiliation with the West."

Frem told a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that the "Syrianization" of his country "imperils not only the future of Lebanon but also the security of Israel and the freedom of the Christian West."

He said he had come to the United States "to activate the American Lebanese community", which he said numbered about 1.5 million Christians, and to "ring the alarm" of the impending crisis if Syria is allowed to continue

to dominate the central government in Beirut.

The Lebanese Forces commander, who said he was named to his post before the assassination of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel in 1982, indicated he was optimistic that the Druze community would support his decentralization plan. He also said his group was working with other Christian groups "to prevent a total Syrian takeover."

According to Frem, under the present "puppet government" in Lebanon, west Beirut has "again become the center of world terrorism." The German Bader-Meinhof gang is now in west Beirut along with terrorists from the Far East and PLO factions headed by George Habash and Nayef Hawatmeh, he said.

Weiler Honored; \$80 Million In Israel Bonds Raised

NEW YORK (WNS) — The Israel Bond Organization sponsored a gala fundraising dinner celebrating the 80th birthday of Jack Weiler, a realtor and dean of New York's Jewish community. Some 500 Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada attended the event, the largest of its kind held in North America in terms of financial support for Israel. Max Fisher of Detroit, the chairman of the dinner, announced that \$80 million in Israel Bonds and securities were raised during the affair.

The keynote address for the dinner was delivered by Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens, who said relations between Israel and Washington are better than ever as demonstrated by "the larger than ever" military and economic aid from Washington to the Jewish State this year. He noted that most of the aid would be in the form of grants, adding that the aid is a "good investment" on the part of the U.S. in view of the common strategic interests of both countries.

Minyonaire News

By Herb Brown

The Minyonaires were extremely honored by the invitation of TV 3 to help out with their Telethon for raising money for the care of neglected and sick children of Nevada. In conjunction with Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital and with Minyonaire Dr. Len Kreisler, we put in 2 hours of manning the phones and in a small way helped raise 60,000 dollars for their very first Telethon. It was very gratifying that all the people at TV 3 plus many of our friends called in and made pledges in the Minyonaires name. This is when you know you have friends, and we thank you one and all.

We'd like to thank especially-Len and Fran Levien, Norm Shlisky, Joe and Sarah Robins, Herb and Judy Brown, and Gil and Marion Yarchever. These Minyonaires and their wives really worked hard to make these two hours a big success.

A special Mazel-Tov to Minyonaire Sol Goldin, Phyllis his lovely wife, and their daughter Sandra on the graduation of her daughter Jodi Beth Singleton from Ruby S. Thomas Public School. Jodi had a STRAIGHT A AVERAGE. GRANDPA, GRANDMA, AND MOMMA CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF JODI.

Some more good news from the Minyonaires is that their new bulletin will be coming out real soon. You'll be pleasantly surprised at this latest Minyonaire venture.



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