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B'nai B'rith Calls For Mass Rally For Soviet Jewry

WASHINGTON — The international president of B'nai B'rith, Seymour D. Reich, and the president of B'nai B'rith Women, Irma Gertler, declaring heavy participation is crucial to the success of worldwide rally on behalf of Soviet Jewry, called on all Jews in the Washington-Baltimore area -- as well as federal and local government officials, church leaders of all religions and "just plain people" -- to join them and other members of B'nai B'rith in mobilizing on the east steps of the Nation's Capitol at noon Feb. 26.

Similar rallies will be held from noon until 2 p.m. in more than 100 cities in some 40 countries around the world.

At each rally, Jews and non-Jews will speak out for the freedom of the hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews who have indicated that they want to emigrate. The ralliers will also read the names of some of the 12,000 Soviet refuseniks.

Participating with B'nai B'rith International and B'nai B'rith Women will be B'nai B'rith Hillel (located on more than 400 college campuses in a dozen countries), B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Mobilization will start the night before (Feb. 25) with candelight vigils on college campuses and in Washington.

In calling for widespread participation in the mobilization, Reich and Gertler said the need to support "our brethren's struggle for freedom is more pressing than ever."

Reich and Gertler added that while arms control and human rights are unrelated issues, "the Soviets must understand that their human rights posture undermines their credibility. Human rights, they stated, is "a barometer of how a government perceives its moral obligations."

"If the Soviets refuse to comply with international human rights accords that they have signed, then can they be trusted to comply with nuclear arms treaties?"

The B'nai B'rith leaders said the rallies on Feb. 26 can have a strong effect on the Soviets' treatment of Jewish citizens. Their policies are not immutable, "but it will require all the pressure we can muster to stimulate a worthwhile change," they said.

Chairpersons for the mobilization are Nat Nagler and Beverly David. Working with them are professional staffers George Spectre and Aileen Cooper.

If you would like to participate in the rally at the Capitol, call Spectre at (202) 867-6545 or Cooper at (202) 857-6675 or write to them at 1640 Rhode Island Av., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — About 150,000 Israelis of North African origin attended a memorial ceremony in Netivot Monday marking the third anniversary of the death of Baba Sali, the spiritual leader of North African Jewry.



Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations
 By David Horowitz
 A World-Union Press Feature

ORT -- A Lesson For The UN

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — This world organization through several of its agencies and bodies spends hundreds of millions of dollars annually for technical assistance and rehabilitation programs around the globe. In many cases, politics are injected into the projects as in the case of UNESCO and several other world-dominated units.

It is a known fact that, despite the vast sums spent notwithstanding the current financial crisis threatening the UN, there has been much waste and mishandling in the implementation of these programs.

Take note Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, this world body may well learn a lesson in efficiency and in concrete accomplishments in these fields of rehabilitation, technical assistance and the multiple other endeavors from a unique global Jewish organization which enjoys Consultative Status with the UN (NGO).

The writer has reference to ORT, the Organization of Rehabilitation Through Training, the American Federation of which recently held

King of One Liners



HENNY YOUNGMAN
 ...Man of Many Talents.

Down in Miami I worked in a place called the Deauville Hotel. Very exclusive. Room service has an unlisted number.

its 1987 National Conference at New York's Sheraton-Centre under the chairmanship of Alvin L. Gray.

ORT's history goes back to Tsarist Russia where it was founded in 1880 "to train the poverty-stricken Jews of Eastern Europe in industry and agriculture." Today, the unique organization provides vocational training and technical education to more than 130,000 Jewish men, women and children in some twenty-six countries." The record shows that in the past century, ORT training has enabled two million Jews to take their places in the world with dignity and self-respect.

The largest ORT operation is in Israel where more than 84,000 students attend over 100 schools and training centers. ORT schools flourish in France, in Latin America, India and Morocco. The Falashas in Ethiopia have benefited from ORT training and ORT programs extend all through the United States.

The New York ORT Conference has become an annual four-day event which your correspondent never misses thanks to its alert and amiable public relations director, Avi Feinglass, whose innovations in instructive film showings always add lustre to the banquet session which, at this latest dinner, heard the noted former President of Israel, scientist Prof. Ephraim Katzir, currently the newly-elected President of the World ORT Union, deliver a brilliant address.

Significantly, presidents of the American ORT Federation have followed a tradition of serving out terms of four years. Concluding his fourth successful year at this banquet, Alvin L. Gray of Cleveland delivered an inspiring presidential re-

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"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

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Research for the International Council of B'nai B'rith, is a leading world authority on human rights, Soviet Jewry, and the United Nations. His topic for the evening is: "Focus on International Bigotry."

A graduate of the University of Chicago, he received his Ph.D. from Columbia University's Russian Institute. He was a winner of the Ford Foundation Fellowship and the Carnegie Research Grant, and served on the faculties of City College of New York and Columbia University. More recently, he was Visiting Professor at Yeshiva University and Brooklyn College.

Prior to his present assignment he was the Director of ADL's Washington office, and later of B'nai B'rith's UN office.

Dr. Korey's articles on the human rights and Soviet Jewry have been published in numerous popular and scholarly journals -- The New York Times, The Washington Post, Newsday, Foreign Affairs, Saturday Review, Commentary, Midstream, The New Republic, The Wall Street Journal, the Los Angeles Times and Foreign Policy.

His essays have appeared in a number of books published by Quadrangle Press, Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Recently, the Foreign Policy Association published his analysis on "American Policy and the Helsinki Accord."

Dr. Korey has read papers and lectured before many scholarly bodies and at various universities. Formerly Chairman of the Human Rights Committee of UN Non-Governmental Organizations, he has been a much sought-after speaker by Jewish and non-Jewish organizations. Dr. Korey has served as consultant to the State Department and has testified before various Congressional committees on both the UN and Soviet affairs.

Our community will have another very-informing speaker; plan to attend.