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PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

“...if the reunification of Germany is inevitable then there must be built-in safeguards to ensure that a new Germany will live peacefully with all her neighbours...”

THIS Annual Report details the extensive activities carried out by the Board on behalf of the British Jewish community. Broadly speaking, all our activities come under two headings:

- a) The need to defend the rights of the Jewish community in this country at every level, and to maintain the security of the Jewish community.
- b) To speak out effectively on behalf of all those other Jewish communities, who are unable to speak up for themselves.

This has been a most exciting and challenging year. Political change in the countries of Eastern Europe has been swift, and the changes have blown with the force of a hurricane. Beginning with Poland, the changes in political structure spread to East Germany, then to Czechoslovakia, and subsequently to Romania. These changes have also affected the Soviet Union.

There can be no doubt whatsoever that the force of change has been encouraged both by travel and by television. People from the Eastern European countries have seen the facilities available in the West, and the scenes on television have encouraged the movements for liberation from one country to another. We are now witnessing the total disintegration of the post-war European settlement as it was determined at Yalta 45 years ago, in January 1945.

Changing governments do not necessarily mean changing living conditions, and we are now living through a transition period

in the countries of Eastern Europe, where the freedom to express oneself at grass-roots level is a new phenomenon. In these circumstances, Jewish communities are at risk if economic circumstances are adverse, and therefore Jews must be keenly aware of the dangers existing within the present situation.

The Board will continue to plead the cause of these communities and to highlight their needs and their problems to H.M. Government and to the world at large. Furthermore, the demand for a reunification of Germany is a matter of major concern to Jews everywhere, and if the reunification of Germany is inevitable then there must be built-in safeguards to ensure that a new Germany will live peacefully with all her neighbours, and that no country can be allowed to feel at risk or exposed as a consequence. Our tasks are absolutely clear, and we will be failing in our duty, both to the martyrs of the past, and to generations yet unborn, if we do not speak out loud and clear.

I commend this Report to every Jew and to all interested in Jewish affairs.■

LIONEL KOPELOWITZ
President

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ANTI-SEMITISM IN EASTERN EUROPE

Eric Moonman
Senior Vice-President

“These past twelve months have been the busiest time for my Commission on Anti-Semitism within the European Jewish Congress.”

FIRST, the reports from individual countries highlight that antisemitism has not left the European scene. The high level of recorded incidents continues. In Britain, the Defence Department at the Board of Deputies does a fine job in monitoring, and drawing attention to, the wide range of attacks on Jewish people and institutions.

In France, there has been the most dramatic rise of antisemitic incidents, stimulated by the activities of M Le Pen, the National Front leader, whose obscene fascist views and behaviour in the French National Assembly, the European Parliament and also on the streets greatly concerns the community. The other reason for the increase is the ‘scapegoat’ practice in blaming all who appear to be ‘foreigners’, whether North African or Jewish.

But the main area of concern in Western Europe has been the dramatic political and social change in the Eastern sector and the issues thrown up by the likely reunification of Germany.

Fascism has begun to crawl out of the woodwork in the wake of the collapse of the communist regimes in Eastern Europe. For example, over 500 neo-Nazis turned out at a demonstration in Leipzig to demand a reunified Germany. Though they were shouted down with chants of “Nazis out” from sections of a large crowd they were still able to put themselves at the head of the demonstration.

In East Germany last year, there were over 200 recorded incidents of rascist incitement and antisemitic daubings.

This situation is almost no better in Hungary and Poland, nor is antisemitism rejected by Poland’s Roman Catholic Church. In particular, Cardinal Glemp launched a bitter attack on the Jewish community at the Carmelite Convent at Auschwitz. The Cardinal’s angry words did not make for good relations.

Whilst writing this report, I have spoken to Ignatz Bubis, the leader of the Jewish community in Frankfurt,

and he says that the campaign for reunification is growing stronger each day.

Whatever route the Germans take in the future, have we in Britain got any relevant answers to the German people’s demands and desires?

I suggest that this is an issue we shall have to explore, calmly and thoroughly over the next year. The Board of Deputies Executive Committee has already begun to examine the major policy issue involved, but a more fundamental examination is required. There is no doubt that East Germans are crossing the border to the West with much spirit and determination. Their reasons for doing so is only partly due to their rejection of the ideology of communism, but it is very much to do with their deep-felt desire for an improved standard of living for themselves and their families.

In all these matters, the Board, on behalf of British Jewry, has something to say and do ■



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THE ISRAEL TOUR

by Israel Finestein
Vice-President

“Many members of the party regarded this blossoming of the desert, which has proved so valuable to Israel’s economy and standing, as a kind of epitome of the entire tour.”

THROUGHOUT the week beginning 27 December 1989, a group of deputies, accompanied in most cases by their spouses, were engaged in a busy and exciting schedule. The tour was under the auspices of the Board’s Israel Committee in co-operation with the Development and Community Services Department of the WZO.

Everyone gained new and sometimes unexpected insights into the life and thinking of Israelis in varied walks of life.

At private meetings with many leading politicians, ranging in outlook from PM Mr Itzhak Shamir to Mrs Shulamit Alloni, the questions and replies were usually frank and uninhibited. We arrived in the middle of a Cabinet crisis. Somehow, all the appointments with us were kept by public figures, despite being closely involved in the ceaseless negotiations, including Mr Shamir, Mr Shimon Peres and Dr Moshe Arens.

One of the main subjects in our discussions again and again was the expected influx of Jews from the Soviet Union, and the requirements which this imposed upon Israel and the Jewish world.

Among the topics frequently raised with concern by Deputies was the

condition of Israel’s information services and the public relations of the Zionist movement generally. It was clear that the need for reappraisal and expanded resources was widely appreciated.

The celebrated Michael Elkins addressed us with typical pungency and deep understanding, on the mood of the country. Another journalist who visited our hotel as part of the programme was Ziad Abu Zayyad, a prominent member of the Arab Council for Public Affairs. He addressed us on “The Peace Process – A Palestinian Perspective”. Mr Abu Zayyad responded to vigorous questioning with courtesy and sometimes with diplomatic skill. I chaired this session and it became obvious to me that the visitor greatly welcomed the chance to hear Deputies’ opinions as well as expound his own.

The most heated encounter was with Mr Gerald Butt of the BBC and Mr Ian Black of “The Guardian”. One of the points they made was the pressure upon them in many cases to produce instant reports at short notice and with limited time for presentation. They were left in no doubt of the widespread Jewish responses to some of the media presentations, including theirs.

THE ISRAEL TOUR

There was a striking contrast one day between the analysis by Dr Yaacov Cohen, a leading member of the Economic Affairs Department of the Foreign Ministry, of Israel's Planning for 1992 in the fields of manufacture and commerce, and our guided tour of the ancient tunnels and halls under the Western Wall. To bestride a couple of millennia in an afternoon was an experience which will not be forgotten.

Another contrast, so typical of the Israel scene and of Jewish experience generally, was the combination of a visit within a day to the exciting development town of Beit Shemesh (where we were shown round a factory and lunched at an impressive centre for socially handicapped young people) and our inevitable attendance upon the great Yad Vashem memorials.

One of the highlights on the journey south (where we visited Qumran and the nearby important Dead Sea works) was our meeting with Professor Menachem Pearlmutter, an agricultural engineer of world renown. At Neot Hakikar, a moshav in the Arava, he demonstrated to us in words and in the fields the newest irrigation and agricultural techniques which have made that area a model for production to other parts of the world. Many members

of the party regarded this blossoming of the desert, which has proved so valuable to Israel's economy and standing, as a kind of epitome of the entire tour. Some felt that Pearlmutter's personality dominated the week.

There were also some agreeable receptions, which added to the enjoyment as well as the practical value of the tour. In particular, we were welcomed at the Beit Hanassi by President Chaim Herzog, who dealt engagingly and impressively with a series of current issues which were raised with him by Deputies. Our reception at the British Olim Society enabled us to meet old friends, as also did the more formal reception at the spacious residence of the British ambassador Mr Mark Elliott, where many Israelis were among the guests. Mr and Mrs Hyam Morrison, long-standing friends of many of us, entertained the tour party to a delightful evening in their elegant home.

The Deputies in the party were of different age groups and a diversity of points of view on many matters. We were all united in the common bond of Jewish attachment and Israel orientation. It was a superb week, including the well-earned Shabbat■

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THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT

“The Board was to face, during the year, the problem of how to react to a “moderate” PLO which claimed to have recognised Israel, without changing its covenant...”

1989 was in many ways an annus mirabilis. It will rank in world history with 1789, 1848/49 and perhaps even 1939. Events in Eastern and Central Europe as well as in the Middle East overshadowed and influenced all our activities.

It was a year in which the Board and its Officers and Committees, elected in 1988, got well into their stride and immersed themselves in a welter of activities on behalf of the community and beyond.

The year began with the now traditional Israel Mission which even veteran participants agreed was the best of its kind so far. Meetings with the President, the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, leaders of virtually all groups and visits to many parts of the country, provided an insight into the problems which the Jewish State faced in the light of relentless hostility from Arab sources.

The Board was to face, during the year, the problem of how to react to a “moderate” PLO which claimed to have recognised Israel, without changing its covenant, and renounced terrorism whilst continuing to attack innocent civilians – Jews and Arabs alike – within and outside the framework of the Intifada.

The leadership of the Board held meetings with government at the highest level, met Ambassadors and received important guests in public and in private. In February the President visited Moscow for the

opening of the Solomon Mikhoels Centre and in March went to Jerusalem for a Solidarity Conference, convened by P.M. Shamir. In the same month, President Gorbachev visited London and the Board submitted a memorandum to Mrs Thatcher on Soviet Jewry. The President spoke to Mr Shevednaze at No 10 Downing Street, on the need to re-establish Soviet-Israel diplomatic relations. The Board led a broad campaign to canvass candidates in advance of the elections to the European Parliament.

An issue which continued to arouse Jewish passions was the presence of the Carmelite Convent in Auschwitz. Many representations were made and Cardinal Hume and the Polish Ambassador were most helpful. By the end of the year, and following a meeting between Sir Sigmund Sternberg, a senior member of the Board, and Cardinal Jozef Glemp, Primate of Poland, agreement was reached for the removal of the Convent and the establishment of a multi-faith centre.

A major issue was that of Nazi War Criminals in Britain. The report by Sir Thomas Hetherington and Mr William Chalmers was positive, its unpublished section devastating. A debate in the Lords proved disappointing, but the Commons voted overwhelmingly for action and it looked as if, after 40 years, some of the surviving mass murderers would be brought to the bar of British justice in the early 1990s.

THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT

*Changing times . . .
Mikhail Chlenov from Moscow
representing Jewish organisations in
the USSR, attends an EJC meeting
for the first time. He is seen here with
Dr Lionel Kopelowitz in London.*



The Board's international activities included meetings, receptions and lunches with the West German Foreign Minister, the Chief Rabbis of Romania and South Africa, Poland's Lech Walesa and the President of France. Some of the representations went beyond the normal Jewish concerns. The Board commented on events in Peking, genocide practised on Kurds and the fate and future of the Vietnamese Boat people in Hong Kong.

The Board continued to be active in WJC with the President serving as head of European Jewish Congress. He made many forays in that capacity. A particularly sad occasion was his attendance at the funeral of Professor Wybrand in Brussels, a leader of Belgium's Jewish community shot down by terrorists. It was a poignant reminder of the need for continuing security, a burden which the Board continued to bear for British Jewry.

There were many domestic matters to be dealt with. New regulations for Shechita were scrutinised and negotiations with the Ministry of Agriculture were lengthy. We helped safeguard Shechita in Sweden. There were

discussions with Oxfam about an anti-Israel document which was effectively withdrawn, anti-missionary activities and of course, constant scrutiny and representations on media matters. A "Desert Island Discs" programme with Lady Diana Mosley as castaway was postponed three times and evoked great controversy.

Letters to the press were legion and an excellent Board supplement appeared in the "Jewish Chronicle". A meeting with Mrs Helen Suzman was a pleasant interlude and the Board reiterated its opposition to Apartheid and racialism of all kinds.

Education and the new core curriculum exercised our attention, as did the teaching of World War II and the Holocaust in English schools. A booklet by Dr John P. Fox was published. There was a discussion in the Executive on the Jewish view of the environment and a paper on the cultural Front was considered. Continued involvement with the Council of Christians and Jews, the Inter-Faith Network, links with other minority groups and the launching of a broad survey of the Jewish Community of

Greater Manchester, were but a few of the issues dealt with. The "Jewish Way of Life" exhibition continued to be shown and "Weeks of Welcome" took place in a number of synagogues for the first time with the support of the Commission for Racial Equality.

Alas, the Board did not obtain a Community Radio Licence for North London, but negotiations were completed for LBC to host "You Don't Have To Be Jewish", the popular radio programme presented for the past twenty years by Michael Freedland. The Board's Charity shops were active and the Central Enquiry Desk dealt with thousands of queries on a staggering variety of topics.

What was in many ways a difficult year, full of uncertainty and anxiety, ended with a Gala evening at the Banqueting Hall, Whitehall, in honour of Sir Isaiah Berlin and with preparations in hand for a visit to the Board by the Prime Minister. 1990 was to mark the 230th Anniversary of the Board's establishment ■

HAYIM PINNER, OBE
Secretary General

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THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS

The Board represents, defends and serves the Jewish community

THE Board **examines** legislation likely to affect the Jewish community, helps to administer Sunday Trading and Marriage Laws, defends Shechita.

...collects statistical and demographic information and conducts surveys to enable essential forward planning to take place.

...deals with all matters that affect the relationship between ourselves and the State of Israel, presents Israel to the wider community and answers her critics at all levels.

...counters biased coverage of matters concerning Jews in the media and ensures that Jews enjoy the unfettered rights of all British citizens.

...presents the facts about the Jewish community to the country at large and is its voice to the Government and other public authorities.

...maintains contact with Jewish communities around the world, supports campaigns for Soviet Jewry, for Jews in Arab lands and for others who suffer discrimination, injustice and distress.

...exposes anti-Semitic and racist activities and helps to preserve the democratic nature of British society.

...supports our youth, defends Jewish students on campus and monitors trends in education.

...develops contacts with the wider community, providing them with information about the Jewish community – its life, history and beliefs■



BBC interview at the Foreign Office immediately after the officers met Mr Waldegrave.



Presentation at Buckingham Palace: Hayim Pinner, Secretary General of the Board, was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's 1989 Birthday Honours List.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES SENIOR STAFF

Hayim Pinner – *Secretary General*

David Massel – *General Administration, Law, Parliamentary & General Purposes Committee, Provincial Committee, Shechita Committee*

Edmond Cohen – *All Aboard Charity Shops, B.O.D. Promotions Ltd*

Dr Jack Gerwitz – *Foreign Affairs Committee*

Rona Hart – *Israel Committee, Public Relations Committee*

Laurie Rosenberg – *Central Jewish Lecture & Information Committee, Education & Youth Committee, Yad Vashem Committee of the UK*

Marlena Schmool – *Community Research Unit*

Gus Swerner – *Finance Committee*

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NOTES ON COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP



Plenary session of the Board, Woburn House, November 1989. Visitors are welcomed and may view from the balcony.

Committees were elected in July 1988 for a period of three years, and by-elections to fill vacancies were held in November 1988 and November 1989.

The number of meetings held during 1989 is shown after the name of each Committee, and of the number of attendances recorded by each member appears after his or her name. The number is given as a fraction if membership commenced during the year.

The Honorary Officers are members of all Committees and their names do not appear in the Committee lists.

An * indicates a co-opted member, co-options having been made at various times since the Triennial Session commenced.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(10 meetings)	Raymond Kalman (8)
*Marcus Bower (7/8)	Menny Klausner (10)
Lt. Cl. Mordaunt Cohen (4)	*Steven Kurer (6/8)
Zina Cohen (8)	Harold Langdon (9)
Michael Fidler, JP (<i>deceased</i>)	Wally Leaf (9)
Sidney Frosh, JP (6)	Jerry Lewis (10)
Vera Goodman (9)	Eleanor Lind, QC (4)
Alan Grant (8)	*Victor Lucas (7/8)
Percy Gourgey, MBE (8)	Harry Rich (8)
Aryeh Handler (8)	Aubrey Rose, OBE (7)
Ben Helfgott (4)	Martin Savitt (5)
June Jacobs (10)	Ronald Shelley (8)
Greville Janner, QC, MP (6)	Ruth Winston-Fox, JP (5)

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CENTRAL JEWISH LECTURE AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(5 meetings)

Chairman

Ronald Shelley, (5)

Vice-Chairman

Michael Harris, (5)

*Jack Album (4)

Edward Goodfriend (2)

Raphael Hart (5)

Harry Kardo (4)

Jean Karsberg (3)

Gabriel Lancaster (5)

*Clifford Lawton (5)

Betty Manners (4)

Sion Mehdi (2)

August de Mesquita (4)

Aubrey Rose, OBE (2)

Marilyne Rose (2)

Carl Rosen (5)

Jennifer Sampson (2)

Jo Velleman (3)

Syma Weinberg (2)

Ruth Winston-Fox, JP (2)

1 vacancy

FUNDAMENTAL to the work of the Central Jewish Lecture and Information Committee are the contacts with the non-Jewish world, and we are very much engaged in explaining Judaism in a positive manner to the wider community. The help of volunteers for this essential and rewarding work is greatly appreciated.

INTERFAITH

In addition to support of the Council of Christians and Jews and other interfaith activities, the most exciting new venture during the year was the "Week of Welcome" in co-operation with the PR Committee organized simultaneously at five synagogues: EALING US, KENTON US, NORTH-WEST REFORM, COCKFOSTERS & SOUTHGATE US and WIMBLEDON REFORM in November 1989 with a cultural and educational programme, supported by an exhibition, primarily for the benefit of the non-Jewish community and as part of our interfaith activities. The "Week of Welcome" is a project which should well be repeated. The financial support by the Commission for Racial Equality is much appreciated.

JEWISH WAY OF LIFE EXHIBITION

The Jewish Way of Life Exhibition continues to be a focal point for both Jews and members of the wider community wherever it is exhibited. It has been shown in Lincoln, Bromley and Leicester and plans have already been made for York, Bracknell, Chatham and Glasgow in 1990. The

exhibition attracts large numbers of both adults and children and acts as a vital educational and cultural aid to interfaith understanding.

JEWISH LONDON TOURS

In 1989, Jewish London Tours continued to be a popular and vital activity. Over 35 tours were organized to various places of interest in the community and all groups experienced the pleasure of good Jewish food! Tour participants ranged from school parties to groups of nuns. There is always demand for these popular tours, but they have to be limited with regard to the number of tour leaders available.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAMPHLETS

During the year, over 25,000 pamphlets were distributed to interested parties. In addition, the Committee has been directly involved in assisting the Association of Jewish Teachers in the launch of "The Guide to Jewish Educational Resources", an excellent publication which will be of immense value to educationalists throughout the country interested in Jewish matters.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

The Committee's plans for a register of speakers and refresher courses for competent speakers did not materialise but still remain part of the policy of the Committee. Many individual members of the Committee carried out speaking engagements to the non-Jewish community throughout the year.



A Jewish London Tour visits Rosh Pinah Primary School, Edgware.

CONCLUSION

The year has been difficult for the department due to lack of staff. Mrs. Paula Leaman left in June 1989 to have a baby (and has not been replaced) and Mr. Stuart Polak left in August 1989 to take up another communal post. It must be stressed that the role of the Executive Director is essential to the fulfilment of the Committee's aims and objectives and the efforts of Mr. Stuart Polak up to August 1989 and his personal involvement with the non-Jewish community should be appreciated by the Board as a whole. Credit must be given to Ms. Rochelle Gladstone and Mrs. Esme Daniels for coping so well during the year ■



COMMUNITY RESEARCH UNIT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Eric Moonman, *Chairman*

- *Dr Ann Abel
- Professor Geoffrey Alderman
- Alan Conway
- Dr Hilary Curtis
- *Professor Derek Diamond
- Leslie Gatoff
- Dr Mervyn Goodman
- *Arnold Gould
- *Professor S J Gould
- Salmond S Levin, OBE
- *Dr Vivien D Lipman, CVO
- Dr Steve Miller
- *Spencer Nathan
- *Professor Aubrey Newman
- Robert Owen
- *Renee Short
- Ruth Winston-Fox, JP
- *Denotes member is not a Deputy

AS the main social research centre in British Jewry, the Unit provides information to both the Jewish and general communities. This aspect of its work is reflected in the volume and variety of enquiries it receives. These ranged in 1989 from questions about the number of Jews in Barnet who might require a special pre-Pesach refuse collection to queries from undergraduates about contemporary Jewish living in Britain and Jewish immigration to the Midlands since the 1930s. Where it can the Unit answers these questions: in other cases, acting as a clearing-house, it refers the questioner on.

Dissemination of findings is included in the Unit's brief, and fulfilled by open meetings, by lectures to research and adult education groups given by the Executive Director, and by publications. A Symposium on "Jews in the Year 2000" was held at Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue in April with Dr Steve Miller joining the Chairman and Director on the panel. In talks to the Representative

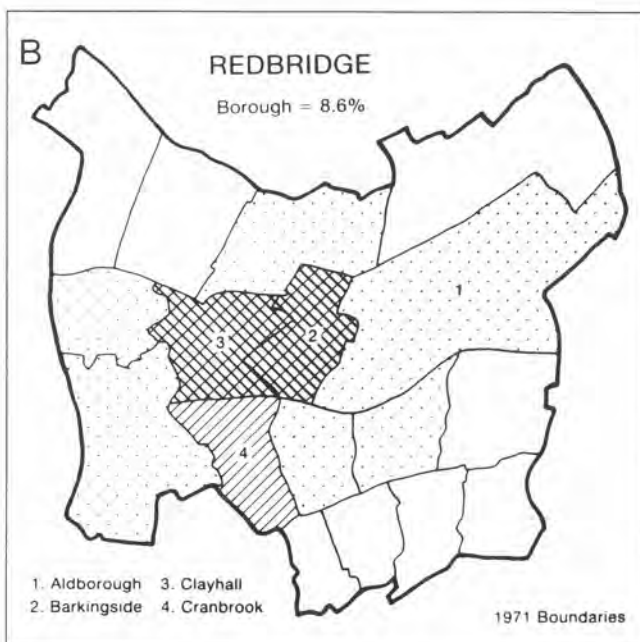
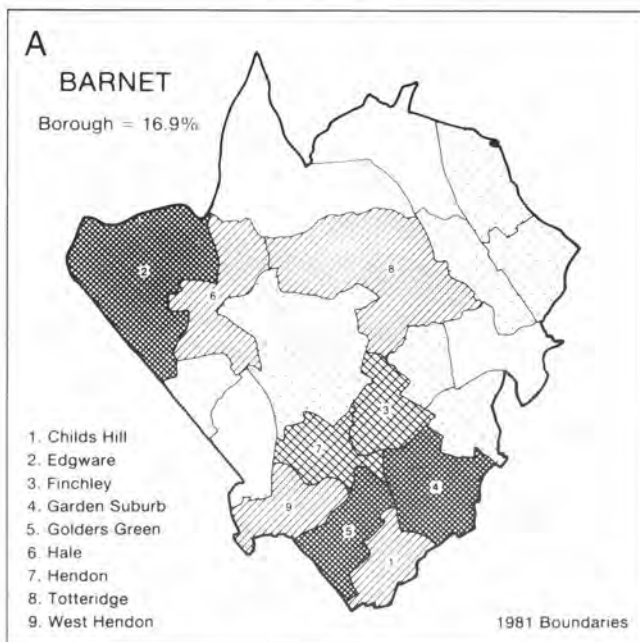
Councils in Manchester, Bournemouth and Sheffield the Chairman referred to the implications of demographic change for the community. During the year the Director spoke on migratory patterns of the London Jewish community, on the changing position of women in communal life, and on the population structure of British Jewry. Results of work completed when Professor Stanley Waterman was a consultant to the Unit appeared this year when Queen Mary College published his paper "Jews in an Outer London Borough: Barnet".

Liaison with national and international institutions continued. The Unit devised the questionnaire to be used at an outreach meeting for intermarrieds at the Sternberg Centre. This co-operative venture will, for the first time, look at the attitudes and social milieu of Jews with non-Jewish partners. Further consultancies have included a study of youth leaders and madrichim (for the Youth and Hechalutz Department), exploratory research about Jews in Hackney (for the

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COMMUNITY RESEARCH UNIT

Jews as a percentage of total population for the London Boroughs of Hackney, Redbridge and Barnet



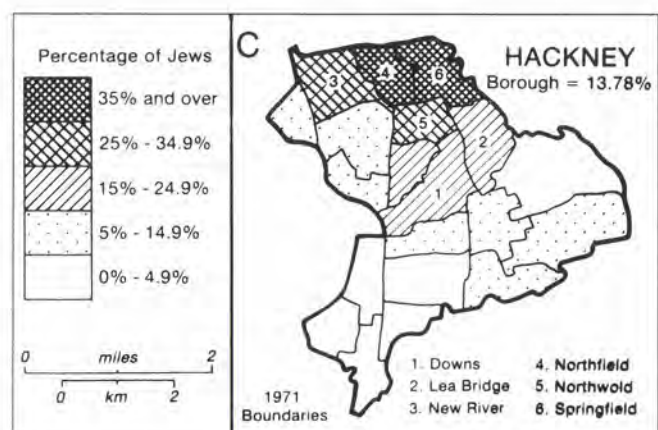
Jewish Welfare Board) and guidelines for a local community study (for the Birmingham Representative Council).

Termly academic seminars have been held at City University concentrating on methodological and cross-cultural issues. Dr Barry Shenker asked "Is Anglo-Jewry an Ethnic Community?" Vassilios Mavrou spoke on "Ethnic Business in England: the Cypriot Example" and Dr Lewis Glinert gave a paper on "Teaching their Children Yiddish: Language and Identity among the Ultra-Orthodox".

In addition to the annual compilation of synagogue marriage and communal death statistics, the Unit began co-ordinating data on divorce (Gittin) and on male births (brit milah). As with all vital statistics enquiries the Unit ensures that all sections of the community are involved. This principle was rigorously adhered to in the major studies undertaken this year. The re-estimation of the British Jewish population for the period 1984-88 was put in

hand and involved building a data-base of some 23,000 deaths' records with information provided by 120 different institutions. Other studies embarked on included "Synagogue Membership 1989" and "Provision of Facilities in Small Communities" undertaken in conjunction with the Board's Provincial Committee.

Background work for the proposed study of Manchester Jewish Population continued. Efforts concentrated on developing grant applications to be submitted to the EEC and the Economic and Social Research Council with the support of the local committee and The City University. The Telephone Pilot Study, begun in October 1988, was completed. This tested communal receptiveness to telephone interviewing. More than half the group of Manchester Jewry approached were ready to identify themselves as Jewish over the phone auguring well, in statistical terms, for future research ■





JEWISH DEFENCE & GROUP RELATIONS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(11 meetings)

Chairman

Raymond Kalman, (10)
Martin Cohen, (10)

*Stuart Arbisman (9)

Moss Amias (10)

Eric Briskman (2)

*Peter Conway (5)

Dennis Creeger (6)

Alfred Crossick (6)

Nat Dykierman (9)

*Alan Etherton (3)

Jack Gayer (5)

Joe Gellert (3)

*Lotte Green-Lubett (5)

Gabe Marks (8)

*Jonny Mendelsohn (1)

Philip Mishon (6)

Lawrie Nerva (5)

Leon Newmark (7)

Manuel Rabstein (4)

Ronald Stekel (7)

*Peter Style (4)

Roderick Taylor (5)

Alan Tyler (5)

Saul Veeder (3)

Henry Morris (8)

Ex-officio

THE Defence and Group Relations Department continues to monitor and combat anti-Semitism in the United Kingdom. The Board's Community Security Organisation is responsible for defence and security within the Jewish Community and monitors the activities of those opposed to the Community. The threat of terrorism increased in 1989; the

Lockerbie disaster and the assassination of Professor Wybrand, the President of the Belgian Jewish Community, were only two of the tragedies arising from the Middle East conflict.

Further tragedies will have been averted by the actions of the German, Danish and Spanish police in uncovering major arms and explosives stockpiles during the course of the year. The huge quantities found would indicate that it is likely they were for use in more than one country, with Jewish communities among the possible targets.

Extreme Moslem and Arab organisations met twice during the latter half of 1989, significantly in Tehran, and held talks with Iranian Government representatives. One purpose of such contacts could be the co-ordination of further outrages aimed at frustrating Israel/Arab/Palestinian negotiations. Previous attempts by these groups to stop the PLO's diplomatic initiative have included attacks on Jewish communities in Europe.

The Board's application to have Sheikh Ahmed Deedat, the anti-Jewish (and anti-Christian) South African Moslem agitator, barred from UK entry, was unsuccessful as he holds British citizenship. Although his message is condemned by responsible Moslem leaders, his two visits drew large crowds around the country.

The Salman Rushdie affair continues to dominate the Moslem Community in Great Britain, with Islamic

extremists still referring to "The Satanic Verses" as a Jewish plot against Islam. Together with the growth of anti-Zionism promoted by the same Fundamentalists, there is a real danger for long-term Moslem/Jewish relations, which the Board through its inter-faith work seeks to improve.

Extremist Moslem students continued to promote anti-Zionism on British campuses and the Union of Jewish Students have spent the year resisting and in many cases taking the initiative. In May, Arab students at UMIST overturned the Jewish Society's stall and assaulted the students manning it. That the universities in Manchester are a centre for Fundamentalist activity was given further proof by the expulsion in December of three students.

During the course of the year four items of literature, (two of them produced within the UK Moslem Community) were referred to the Attorney General's Office on the grounds that they breached the Race Relations legislations. The Board has become ever-more concerned at the Law Officers failure to prosecute racist literature and it is with this in mind, that a sub-Committee has been established jointly with the Law and Parliamentary Committee under the Chairmanship of Eldred Tabachnik QC to pursue the feasibility of promoting Group Libel legislation. However, and in response to a request from Greville Janner MP for their opinion, the Committee decided

JEWISH DEFENCE & GROUP RELATIONS COMMITTEE

“The Salman Rushdie affair continues to dominate the Moslem Community in Great Britain, with Islamic extremists still referring to “The Satanic Verses” as a Jewish plot against Islam.”

against supporting any amendment to the Public Order Act to allow the Home Secretary to ban rallies and static meetings on the grounds that the Police have sufficient powers at their disposal already.

The latter half of the year saw an upsurge in anti-Jewish right-wing activity and with it the distribution of racist and anti-Semitic literature. The Crown Prosecution Service has now agreed to prosecute the distributors of “Holocaust News” under the terms of the Malicious Communications Act but only if there is any further large scale distribution of the magazine.

The successful campaign to have War Crime legislation enacted occupied much of the year and the Board played a leading role in this. A backlash is expected as the enabling legislation and then possible war crimes trials take place.

The Department was also concerned to strengthen the Board’s general anti-Racist stand by increasing the involvement with such organisations as the Anti-Apartheid Movement’s Multi-Faith Committee, the Commission for Racial Equality and Community Relations Councils.

To this end the following guest speaker addressed the Committee during the course of the year; Dr Margaret Brearley, Senior Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Judaism and Jewish Christian Relations on “The New Age”; Canon J. Richardson, Secretary General of the CCJ; Cedric

Mason of the Anti-Apartheid Movement; and Philip Rubenstein of the All-Party Parliamentary War Crimes Group (twice).

Various synagogues, local Jewish communities, Jewish schools and B’nai B’rith lodges were addressed by members of the Department.

A submission was made on the Committee’s behalf, which formed the section on “racially or religiously offensive material” of the Board’s paper to the Broadcasting Standards Council.

The Department was able to assist the Police and the landlords in stopping the sale of neo-Nazi memorabilia by shops in the Carnaby and Riding House Streets. In particular the activities of the Blood and Honour skinhead group and Andrew Benjamin, the Jewish retailer of the memorabilia and promoter of their concerts, were curtailed.

The campaign to force Oxfam to withdraw its biased and inaccurate report on the Palestinians was successful, but we remain concerned by the ease with which false reports on the Middle East situation, its history and background, are circulated and accepted at face value particularly by the media. Revisionist history in all its many different forms is likely to pose an increasingly greater problem as we go into the 1990s and as memories of the Holocaust, its aftermath and the re-birth of the State of Israel, recede. ■

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EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

(8 meetings)

Chairman

Alan Grant, (4)

Vice-Chairman

Gerald Cass, (6)

*Jacqueline Alexander (2)

Deborah Barnett (1)

David Clark (6)

Dr. Hilary Curtis (4)

Clive Feigenbaum (0)

Prof. Ludwik Finkelstein
(3)

David Finlay (6)

Leslie Gatoff (5)

Jane Harris (1)

Jeremy Lawrence (0)

Michael Lewis (5)

Delia Marmor (4)

Maurice Owen (6)

Naomi Pearlman, JP (4)

Betty Segalov (2)

Paul Westbrook (3)

Sion Mehdi (*Ex-officio*) (3)

1 vacancy

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INCLUDED in the terms of reference of the Committee is “keeping abreast of new and proposed legislation affecting education” and “to safeguard statutory rights of Jewish children and students”. The Committee has been concerned during the year with the impact of the recent Education Reform Acts.

Of particular concern is the area of Religious Education and Collective Worship. The Committee has been involved in nominations of representatives to the Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education. It is proposed to hold a meeting with the SACRE representatives and to work out guide lines so as to ensure that there is an agreed policy on major issues arising out of the legislation.

The legislation requires to be carefully monitored and certain aspects as, for example, the holding of Jewish assemblies and withdrawal from R.E., have already resulted in representations being made to heads of schools.

Representations have also been made with respect to the National Curriculum, particularly in relation to the proposed omission of the Holocaust from the modern history course. Likewise, the omission of Modern Hebrew from the DES paper on Modern Languages resulted in a successful protest by the Committee.

The Committee has also been concerned to learn of the content of certain courses being held at school and university level on the Arab/Israeli question. The danger of bias and propaganda in such courses has been drawn to the attention of the bodies concerned. It is envisaged that this problem will persist.

A number of cases have been drawn to the Committee’s attention of students being prejudiced by examinations falling on one of the Yamim Tovim. Generally speaking, alternative arrangements have been secured and calendar 1989-2000 has been widely circulated which it is hoped should largely deal with the problem.

This report can merely give a broad view of some of the issues the Committee tackled during the year. They are ongoing matters which are likely to be with us during the coming year.

As this report is being written, matters are well in hand for a “Youth” Debate. It is hoped that this will act as a catalyst for practical proposals which can then be initiated and pursued.

No report for 1989 could end without a tribute to Mr Stuart Polak, Executive Director, who left during the year. His input into the Committee and its work was tremendous. We wish him well in his new position and look forward to an equally successful period with his successor Mr Laurie Rosenberg ■

ALAN GRANT
Chairman



FINANCE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Kurt Gottschalk (5)
(7 meetings)	Geoffrey Harris (5)
<i>Chairman</i>	Arthur Hill (6)
Jeffrey Pinnick,	Maurice Michaels (3)
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Felix Mitchell (5)
Allan Conway, (7)	Roger Morris (3)
Dr. Martin Been (1)	*Martin Peters (2)
Ernest Bello (4)	Josef Reid (2)
Henry Clifford (5)	Paul Shrank (7)
Stanley Frankfurt (2)	Cynthia Taub (4)
Michael Gee (7)	Leo Winter (4)
Alistair Glickman (5)	1 vacancy

THE Committee's main task has been, as in previous years, the monitoring of income and expenditure. Its detailed consideration of this overall responsibility is delegated to sub-committees which deal with the regular control and consideration of particular matters, which are then reported back to the full committee at its periodic meetings.

The work of the sub-committees relates to the following aspects of the Board's financial affairs.

BUDGET

This is set at the beginning of each year and monitored at regular intervals.

In view of the very large deficit incurred in 1988, substantial economies in expenditure were effected at the beginning of the year and maintained during the year. Actual expenditure for the year was lower than forecast and such reduction will be maintained in 1990.

COMMUNAL LEVY

Targets were set for every Community represented on the Board and regular

reminders were sent, comparing performance at intervals during the year with expectations.

Despite vigorous efforts through Deputies and meetings with communities, the level of income was yet again disappointing and recommendations were made to increase the per capita Communal Levy charge to £15 per annum (for each synagogue member entitled to vote in the elections for Deputies).

The Committee were strongly of the view that an alternative method for collection of the Communal Levy should be sought. Discussions were being held with synagogal organisations and independent synagogues, to seek their agreement to accept responsibility for the payment to the Board, with either the synagogue organisation or the individual synagogue itself arranging its own method of collection from its membership. It was recognised that there were many obstacles to this proposal, but discussions would be pursued to effect such an arrangement, which would be the most effective and efficient as far as the Board was concerned.

PREMISES

The possibility of the Board having to find alternative premises, if Woburn House was no longer to be available, was considered. It was recommended that if such circumstances arose, the Board should find accommodation in Central London, suitable for its own staff and committee requirements. Outside halls would be hired for the Plenary sessions or larger meetings.

Benefactors would be approached to endow such a building, as the Headquarters of the Anglo-Jewish Community, housing the Board and providing a "clearing house" of information on all Jewish organisations and activities in this country.

B.O.D. PROMOTIONS LTD

The Committee has responsibility for the financial operation of the Board's promotional company, whose activities are detailed in a separate report.

The Subscriber Scheme, "All Aboard" Charity Shops, the Annual Report, Jewish Chronicle Supplement and fund-raising events, were all monitored, and the Committee were most encouraged by the increasing level of financial support being received from these activities.

COMMUNITY FUNDING SCHEME

Consideration was given to the possibility of initiating moves within the Community for a co-ordinated Funding Scheme. It was agreed that ultimate acceptance of such a proposal, which was generally agreed to be beneficial and desirable, would be a lengthy process but, nevertheless, a start should be made.

Outline proposals for such a scheme and a timetable for its progressive implementation, from an initial stage of gathering information to the ultimate stage of a "community chest" arrangement, were being drafted and it was hoped to circulate this paper and promote the concept, early in 1990 ■



FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(9 meetings)

Chairman

June Jacobs (9)

Vice-Chairman

Jonathan Arkush (8)

Sidney Assor (6)

Walter Bentley (8)

Frank Brandenburger (8)

Harold Cowan (4)

Alfred Dunitz JP (4)

Renzo Fantoni (5)

*John Fenner (1)

Michael Fidler (*deceased*)

*Rochelle Gold (3)

Danny Handler (5)

Barbara Harding (4)

*Steven Hilsum (6)

Raie Jager (7)

The Lady Janner CBE, JP, (7)

*Bernard Kricheski (2)

Victor Leigh (1/1)

Jack Lennard (1/1)

*Michael May (5)

Robert Owen (8)

*William Rawlinson, CBE, (6)

Dr Stephen Roth (5)

Martin Savitt (3)

Colin Shindler (1)

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EASTERN EUROPE

THE closing year of the decade foreshadowed historic changes in the countries of Eastern Europe. The symbolic Iron Curtain which clanged shut during the Stalinist reign of terror – with echoes of the campaign against “rootless cosmopolitanism”, the infamous Doctors Plot, Slansky trial and the purge of Jews from public life – was finally dismantled.

The new “in” words, *glasnost* and *perestroika* signified revolutionary changes not only in the Soviet Union but throughout the Communist bloc. The change to a more open, democratic way of life was bound to have important repercussions for Eastern European Jewry.

In the Soviet Union itself, the “Prisoners of Zion”, who had been prevented from emigrating to Israel, were allowed to do so. Emigration restrictions were eased for some 300,000 Jews who sought to emigrate to Israel and the west.

The remaining two and a half to three million Soviet Jews could expect to benefit from the new tolerance being shown to national and ethnic minorities. Jewish cultural associations were emerging with the apparent approval of the Government. The Riga Conference of Jewish Cultural Associations last May was followed by a larger conference in Moscow in December, attended by 800 delegates representing thousands of cultural activists throughout the USSR. In addition to the

Soviet delegates there were some 150 Jewish delegates from abroad, including representatives of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Jewish Congress.

Great Britain was represented by delegates from the National Council for Soviet Jewry, which is closely associated with the Board of Deputies.

But there were clouds on the horizon still. In the wake of *glasnost* has come a recrudescence of antisemitism in the form of Pamyat, a throw-back to the pogromist Black Hundreds that terrorized Russian Jews in the twilight of the Tzarist regime. In Romania and Hungary there loomed threats from long dormant remnants of pre-war fascist movements. Unlike the west, Jews in Eastern Europe lacked organised structures to combat anti-semitism, a Moscow Jewish cultural activist Mr. Mikhail Chlenov told a joint meeting of the FAC and the NCJS. Mr. Chlenov also made history as the first Soviet Jew to attend a session of the European Jewish Congress.

On the refusenik front, too, the situation was clouded by uncertainty. A meeting in Oxford between Mr. Jonathan Arkush of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Dr. Yuri Reshetov, a high ranking official in the Soviet Foreign Affairs Ministry, revealed that the much vaunted liberalisation of emigration restrictions would not affect those Jews who were prevented from emigrating on spurious grounds of “security” or “secrecy”.

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The turning of a blind eye by Soviet authorities to provocations by anti-semitic organisations and the denial of the right to emigrate to so-called "security risks" constitute serious impediments to the holding of the Human Rights Conference in Moscow in 1991. The Board of Deputies, along with other main representative Jewish organisations in Europe and the Americas, will oppose the holding of the conference in the Soviet Union until it accords full human rights to its Jewish citizens.

The dramatic changes in Eastern Europe and the British Government's policy on German reunification were among the subjects raised by a Board of Deputies delegation during their meeting with the Foreign Secretary in December.

CARMELITE CONVENT

The Geneva agreement of 1987 signed by the representatives of the European Jewish Congress and four cardinals continued to be monitored.

The extended date of July 22, 1989 came and went with little sign of change. There were appeals to the Papal Nuncio, special prayers on the Fast of Tammuz and a meeting took place between the President, Vice-President and Chairman of the FAC and Cardinal Hume.

In September 1989 the Pope indicated that the Holy See would offer financial support towards the building of an information centre for Jewish-Christian understanding in fulfilment of the Geneva Agreement. This was confirmed by Cardinal Glemp in a letter to Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Chairman of the International Council of Christians and Jews. The Cardinal stated his agreement with full implementation of the Geneva Agreement.

Also in September, at the meeting of the E.J.C. in London, delegates from 17 countries confirmed their confidence in the delegation, led by Maitre Theo Klein, which was negotiating the agreement.

Despite the promises and assurances given there have been no signs thus far of the movement of the nuns from the present site of the Auschwitz convent as at 31st December 1989.



Warm greetings at a reception held in honour of the Chief Rabbi of Romania: l to r: His Honour Israel Feinstein, Mrs Rosen, Dr Kopelowitz, Rabbi Moshe Rosen, Mr Eric Moonman.

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“The position of Jews in Arab and Islamic countries remains critical.”

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

The European Parliamentary Elections saw a pronounced polarisation of political extremes. The resurgence of neo-fascism in France and Germany and the growing strength of the anti-Israel left gave rise to serious concern, as did the re-emergence of neo-Nazi elements in East Germany. The German Democratic Republic had never accepted its share of guilt for the destruction of six million Jews.

In the run-up to the European Parliamentary Elections, British MEP's were canvassed regarding their attitudes on issues of Jewish interest. Of those who responded, 95% expressed support for the extension of full civil rights for Soviet Jewry. 65% supported a resolution calling for abrogation of the 1975 UN Resolution equating Zionism with racism.

JEW IN ARAB LANDS

The position of Jews in Arab and Islamic countries remains critical. Especially worrying was the fate of the 4,000 Jews in Syria, hostages of a hostile regime. A glimmer of hope was offered by approaches made by the USA State Department to the Syrian Government to permit the emigration of the Jewish community. There were indications that the Syrians might be prepared to allow single Jewish women to travel abroad for reasons of matrimony.

A Foreign Affairs Committee seminar on “The Jews and Islam” was held at the Oxford Centre for Jewish Studies at Yarnton which was addressed by Dr. David Patterson, Professor Ron Nettler and Dr. Tudor Parfitt.

As in the previous year, Shabbat Zachor (18 March) was designated as a special day of prayer for Syrian Jewry.

ETHIOPIAN JEWS

The Chairman of the FAC and the Secretary General met the Ethiopian Ambassador to voice the Board's concern about the plight of Ethiopian Jewry in Addis and the Gondar region, where rebel forces were active. The region was also suffering the effects of severe drought. The restoration of diplomatic relations with Israel presaged an improvement in the situation. The Chairman and vice-Chairman of FAC also met with the head of the Ethiopian Desk of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to alert the British government to the problems faced by Ethiopian Jews who wanted to emigrate to Israel.

UNITED NATIONS AFFILIATES: SUB COMMITTEE OF FAC

The Jewish Affiliates of the United Nations Association were successful in toning down anti-Israel resolutions introduced by pro-Arab delegates at the Annual Conference in Nottingham.

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EUROPEAN JEWISH CONGRESS

The Annual meeting, chaired by the President of the Board, was held in London in September. Representatives of the FAC attended, along with delegates from 17 European countries.

WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING MEMORIAL MEETING

The Warsaw Ghetto memorial meeting took place in April at the Adelphi Theatre. The guest speaker was His Excellency, Mr. Yoav Biran, Ambassador of Israel. The Chairman of the FAC, Mrs. June Jacobs, speaking for the Board of Deputies, declared, "We remember the dead today, as always, with pain and pride, with sadness and determination: a determination not only that it must never happen again but that we will never cease in our support for a safe and secure Israel. Jews here in Britain and world-wide would, by their example, show that inhuman behaviour will not be tolerated, whether it manifests itself in racism, intolerance, discrimination and cruelty and whether perpetrated by individuals, groups or states".

"We remember the dead today, as always, with pain and pride, with sadness and determination..."

SPECIAL EVENTS

A combined Foreign Affairs and Israel Committee luncheon was addressed by former Egyptian Ambassador to Canada, Mr. Takhsin Bashir, who served as advisor to Presidents Nasser and Sadat. He affirmed his country's determination to stand by the Camp David agreement and said Egypt would continue to press for a negotiated settlement.

A luncheon co-sponsored by the FAC and Ajex was held in honour of Col. Yuri Sokol, Chairman of the Moscow Jewish Education and Cultural Society.

The FAC held a briefing session attended by representatives of major Anglo-Jewish organisations, who heard a survey by Dr. Baruch Gur of the Israel Embassy of the present situation in the USSR particularly as regards Jewish Education and Culture. Professor Mikhail Zand, Professor of Linguistics at the Hebrew University, was among those present.

Among the highlights of the year were receptions held (by the Honorary Officers) for Chief Rabbi Rosen of Romania and the Chief Rabbi of South Africa, Rabbi Cyril Harris ■



ISRAEL COMMITTEE

THE year started with a critical visit to Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office by the Honorary Officers and the Committee Chairman, to discuss the comments made by the Minister when visiting the PLO HQ in Tunis.

In February the Chairman of the Committee joined the President and Honorary Officers in a meeting with Mr Moshe Arens, Israel Minister of Foreign Affairs, who was in Britain on an official visit, and consulted with him about the calling of a Solidarity Conference in Jerusalem.

In March the Chairman and the President of the Board attended the Solidarity Conference in Israel. Jewish leaders from all over the world met to express their solidarity with Israel and her elected government. Reservations were expressed regarding the PLO's recent statements on the relinquishment of terrorism and recognition of Israel.

His Excellency Yoav Biran, Ambassador of Israel to the Court of St James, addressed a plenary Board session on the occasion of Israel's Independence Day. This Yom Ha'atzmaut event has become traditional.

The Chairman, together with members of the Israel Committee, attended the gathering at Guildhall in London in May, when the Prime Minister of Israel spoke. The Chairman was among those who met Mr Shamir for a private briefing.

In June the Chairman again visited Israel, this time to attend the annual meeting of the World Zionist Organisation Actions Committee and the Jewish Agency Assembly. He took the opportunity to meet Mr Arieh Wolf, Director General of the WZO Development and Community Services Department, and Mrs Nitza Ben-Elissar to initiate arrangements for the Board's 1989-1990 Study Mission.

STATEMENT ON ISRAEL

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, together with the Vice-President of the Board, His Honour Israel Finestein, held several meetings with representatives of the Union of Jewish Students. There were full discussions with the whole committee which eventually resulted in a statement being presented to the plenary session of the Board in September. After a full debate the statement was adopted almost unanimously.

MEDIA MONITORING COMMITTEE

The Media Monitoring Committee, set up under the auspices of the Israel Committee under the chairmanship of Senior Vice-President Mr Eric Moonman, continued to meet on a fortnightly basis throughout the year.

Meetings were held with representatives from the Embassy of Israel, the Zionist Federation, the Britain/Israel Public Affairs Centre, the Council of Christians and Jews, B'nai B'rith, AJEX, the Union of Jewish Students,

Conservative Friends of Israel, Labour Friends of Israel and the Israel Desk of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain. Information is exchanged and there is useful co-ordination of activities.

MEETING OF DEPUTY WITH PLO REPRESENTATIVE

The committee was highly critical of an "unofficial" meeting between a representative of the PLO and a Jewish delegation, which included a senior member of the Board. It was agreed at a plenary session of the Board that in future no Deputy would take part in such meetings while holding Board office.

ISRAEL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(10 meetings)

Chairman

Menny Klausner, (10)

Vice-Chairman

Sidney Shipton (8)

Menachem Arad (10)

Rabbi Meyer Frydman (6)

Michael Goldblatt (9)

Brian Gordon (6)

Percy Gourgey, MBE (9)

Eric Graus (5)

Arieh Handler (7)

Jeanette Jonas (6)

Florence Kaufmann (9)

Dr. Schneier Levenberg (5)

Salmond S. Levin, OBE (8)

Harold Pearlman, JP (4)

Simon Reiss (2)

*Rabbi S. Silberg (1)

Mitchell Wax (6)

Devorah Wineman (8)

Leila Wynbourne (5)

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9TH ANNUAL STUDY MISSION

26 December to

3 January 1990

The Annual Study Mission, led by the President of the Board and the Chairman of the Israel Committee, was again highly successful.

A personal account written by his Honour Israel Finestein, appears on page 4.

SPEAKERS

During the year the committee was addressed by a number of distinguished speakers.

Mr Zvi Rav-Ner, Information Councillor at the Israel Embassy, regularly gave briefings on the current political situation.

Dr Anat Gonen, Director of the UK Aliyah Department, and two of the Department’s shlichim spoke and answered questions on British aliyah.

Mr Martin Lever, director of the British-Israel Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the boycott of Israeli goods and called for the Board’s assistance in obtaining more members for the B.I.C.C.

Mr Ehud Olmert, MK, Minister without Portfolio, met members of the committee and outlined the Israel Prime Minister’s policies on the eve of Mr Shamir’s visit to the United States.

Mr J Yaron, Vice President and General Manager of El Al spoke on the airline’s activities in the UK and called for members of the Jewish community to visit Israel as often as possible.

He suggested that conferences be held in Israel, and discussed the proposed privatisation of parts of El Al.

Mr Natan Meir, Economics Councillor at the Israel Embassy, spoke on the impact of the EEC on Israel’s economy.

Mr Shmuel Toledano, former Member of Knesset and adviser to the Prime Minister on Arab Affairs and author of “Imperfect Spies”, gave a detailed assessment of the prospects for peace in the Middle East.

Mrs Emma Grossman, who had been a most diligent and hardworking Executive Director of the committee since September 1987, left in March and Ms Rona Hart, the Board’s Public Relations Officer, took up this position.

Israel remains at the top of the Board’s agenda and events in and around the Jewish State are monitored carefully and on a day-to-day basis■

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LAW, PARLIAMENTARY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(8 meetings)

Chairman

Eleanor Lind, QC, (6)

Vice-Chairman

Henry Grunwald, (8)

Sonia Abrahamson (2)

Keith Barnett (4)

Diane Bramson (8)

Hyman Diamond, JP (7)

*Alan Fell (3/6)

Sidney Frosh, JP (1)

Bruno Grunfeld (7)

*Paul Infield (4/6)

Jerome Karet (4)

Frederic M Landau (6)

Harold Langdon (7)

Peter Levi (5)

Jacob Levy (6/6)

D Jerry Lewis (8)

Henry Morris (6)

Dawn Shestopal (6)

Maxwell Simon (6)

Warren S Starr (7)

Clive Winston (7)

David Graham, QC, (2)

(*Ex-officio*)

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AMONG the Committee’s tasks is to examine projected legislation and Government proposals to ensure that they do not infringe any of the basic requirements of the Jewish religion.

When the Government issued a consultation paper with a proposal that clock times in Britain should fall in line with Western Europe, involving an additional hour to G.M.T. in the Winter months and two additional hours in the Summer months, the Committee felt that difficulties would be created for many Jews. The earliest times for Shachrit in the Winter would be after the working day had begun, and in the Summer months the late termination of Shabbat would be particularly awkward for Jews living in the North of England and Scotland. A comprehensive memorandum on the subject was presented to the Home Office after consultation with the Ecclesiastical Authorities. The Government’s plans are still awaited.

The Committee reminded the Home Office of the Board’s long standing opposition to the inclusion of any question on ethnic origins being included in the

National Census of 1991, expressing the view that such a question is unnecessary and divisive, and that there was unlikely to be any simple form of question which would completely satisfy everyone. Advice was given to the Jewish Community in the areas where there was a pilot scheme census in the Spring of 1989.

In reply to an invitation by the Registrar General to submit comments on the Registration Services, the Committee endorsed a suggestion that the form recording Registration of Marriages should show full details of the mothers and fathers of the groom and the bride rather than brief details of the father only, as on the present forms. The proposal had the backing of the Board’s Ecclesiastical Authorities and other religious leaders as it would help to indicate the status of the parties to a marriage.

The Committee proposed to the Registrar General that when deaths take place at a weekend, there should be special centralised registration facilities for the Jewish community to enable interments to take place more speedily and avoid waiting till registrar offices re-open.

LAW, PARLIAMENTARY
& GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE

“A sub-committee has been formed to enquire into the problem of failing to obtain or retain jobs because of refusal to work on Shabbat and on Yomtov.”

Meetings continued of representatives of all the main synagogal groupings with a view to legislation being put forward at an opportune time to deal with the problems that arise when a Get is not issued or not accepted. There are many demands for appropriate legislation, but the Halachic aspects have to be very carefully examined before any definite proposals and wording are put forward. If a change in the laws of divorce generally is contemplated as a Government measure, it might be possible to have an appropriate clause about the Get inserted. Alternatively, a Private Members' Bill could be promoted in the Lords or Commons but costs would be very heavy and at present there is no obvious source for funds.

A sub-committee has been formed to enquire into the problem of failing to obtain or retain jobs because of refusal to work on Shabbat and on Yomtov.

In conjunction with the Education and Youth committee, a calendar showing the civil dates of Yamim Tovim to the year 2000 was prepared and sent to numerous organisations, commercial firms, public authorities, professional bodies, and courts of Law.

The Board of Deputies is not in itself a social service organisation but it is represented by the Vice-President, His Honour Israel Finestein QC, and the Vice-Chairman of this committee, Mr Henry Grunwald, on the Social Council for Jewish Social Service so that the Board is kept aware of all the essential developments in this important aspect of communal life.

Panels appointed by the Board continued to interview applicants who claim to have a conscientious objection on religious grounds to trading on the Jewish Shabbath so that they can trade on Sundays instead.

The Jewish Association of Cultural Societies was granted representation on the Board and it elected three deputies.

A clause in the Board's Constitution now stipulates that before a person can be elected as a Deputy, he or she must have been a member of the constituency electing him or her for at least a year prior to the date of the election. It is hoped that this will mean the end of "Rotten Boroughs". These have been a source of much criticism of the Board in the past but there are very few now ■

אִו תִּבִּין צְדָק וּמִשְׁפָּט
וּמִיִּשְׁרִים כָּל-מַעַל-טוֹב:

Then shalt thou understand
righteousness and justice, and
equity, yea, every good path.

PROVERBS, chapter 2, verse 9



PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(3 meetings)

Chairman

Lt. Col. Mordaunt Cohen,
TD, DL (3)

Vice-Chairman

Sonia Abrahamson (2)

Jack Album (2)

Arthur Appleton (3)

Ronald Arden (1)

Dr Sydney Baigel (1)

Elisabeth Baker (2)

Jeffrey Barcan (2)

Dr Martin Been (1)

Victor Bishop (1)

Harry Brown (1)

Esme Cohen (1)

Dr Hilary Curtis (1)

Kenneth Davidson (1)

Philip Dennis (2)

Roland Diamond (1)

George Elias (1)

Ronald Field (1)

J Norman Firestone (2)

Lionel Freedman (1)

Mona Garfield (2)

Shalom Goldblatt (2)

Martin Goldstein (3)

Dr Mervyn Goodman (1)

Colin Grazin (2)

Barry Green (1)

Sidney Hart (2)

Rev Chaim J Heilpern (1)

Lena Hilsum (2)

Sidney Jacobs (1)

Harry Kingsley (1)

Peter Kirsch (2)

Simon Kugler (3)

Gabriel Lancaster (2)

Dr Charles Levene (3)

Jack Mack (1)

S S Mendelsson (3)

Bernard Millett, JP (1)

John Myers (3)

Neil Nisse (1)

H H Pearlman (1)

Karen Powell (2)

Dr Israel Rocker (1)

Aubrey Selig (3)

Leonard Shulman (1)

Dr Walter Sneader (2)

Michael Spungin (1)

Roderick Taylor (1)

Dr Henry Warson (2)

Joyce Rose (2)

Israel R Singer (1)

Alfred A Summers (1)

Dr Heinz Shire (2)

John Kasmir (1)

Jack Lennard (1)

David Sayliss (1)

Henry Tankel (1)

Judith Tankel (1)

THE Provincial Committee, now in its tenth year, provides an opportunity for Deputies representing provincial constituencies to discuss and deal with matters which affect them to a greater degree than they affect metropolitan congregations.

Provincial communities fall within six categories:

- a) **Flourishing Communities** (with or without a Representative Council) with adequate religious, educational, cultural and social facilities and some ability to provide assistance elsewhere.
- b) **Fair-Sized Communities** with a static Jewish population, an acceptable degree of facilities, but not able to provide more than minimal help to smaller communities.
- c) **Small Communities** still able to provide regular religious services and some Hebrew education, but where other facilities cannot be provided and who would welcome help from other sources.
- d) **Declining Communities** with a sufficiently-sized population to continue for some years, but with limited facilities for religious services and education.
- e) **Declining Communities** with the minimal facilities for Jewish life and who are aware of the strong possibility that they will not be viable for more than another eight or ten years.

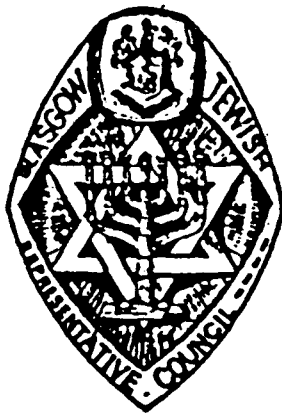
PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE

מועצת הנציגות



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GLASGOW



MANCHESTER

*Badges of three of the ten representative councils
sending deputies to the Board.*

f) **Small, Growing Communities** with an enthusiastic membership, making strenuous efforts to expand religious and educational facilities, but who will, for a number of years, require help from central organisations and from large provincial centres before becoming truly viable and independent.

Prior to the Board's once-yearly-meeting in the provinces (this year in Birmingham) papers were produced by the Board's two Vice-Presidents as a prelude to the preparation, in conjunction with the Board's Community Research Unit, of a questionnaire to assess essential statistical data as well as the facilities and needs of all Jewish Communities outside London with a population of less than 1500. The questionnaire was distributed in the Autumn of 1989 and most of the communities concerned had replied by the end of the year. A full account will appear in the Board's annual report for 1990.

Consideration was given to the possibility of forming regional councils in various parts of the country where a representative council – based on a particular large town – cannot be formed. Such a council might well cover the South East of the country from points as far apart as Norwich and Hastings. The Councils would lead to increased liaison between the communities and the exchange of ideas as to how each of them cope with the type of problems which are common to all.

Reports of the current "Defence" situation in provincial towns show that the general situation is quiet, although there are a few reports of vandalism affecting communal buildings, and occasional propaganda exercises on behalf of the P.L.O.

The Committee was pleased that there was practical manifestation of the recommendation by the Finance Committee that Provincial Deputies attending Board Meetings be reimbursed, if they so wish, for their travelling expenses ■

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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(6 meetings)

Chairman

Wally Leaf, (6)

Vice-Chairman

Sue Goldbart, (6)

Stanley Aarons (2)

Michael Brooke (5)

Leila Cumber (2)

*Michael Freedland (1)

Vera Goodman (5)

*Joe Grizzard, JP (6)

Patricia Hasenson
– *elected November*

Tony Margo (4)

Martin Motz
– *elected November*

Jenny Perlmutter (2)

Caroline Posnansky (5)

*Karen Powell (5)

*Clive Roslin (2)

David Sherman (3)

John Shaw (4)

Heinz Shire (3)

Gertrude Shilling (6)

Stuart Stewart
– *elected November*

Bernard Silver (6)

1 vacancy

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THE Department has had a busy year, fighting to protect, preserve and promote positive concepts of the Board and the Jewish people.

In doing so, both Committee and staff have continued to work closely with other Departments of the Board, particularly Defence and Group Relations and Israel, as well as with Representative Councils.

The Department continues to monitor the media. Misrepresentations and bias are challenged, and, encouragingly, the Department is recognised by the media as a reliable source of information and contacts. The prevention of unfair reporting is far better than the necessity of curing it.

The Executive Director has maintained general contacts with journalists, editors and spokesmen, Jewish, Christian and Moslem, for the furtherance of good relations and awareness.

Members of the Committee have undertaken to monitor a range of printed and electronic media, all the way from local free newspapers to satellite television transmissions. The task as a whole, however, is so enormous and so vital that the assistance of every Deputy, and indeed every member of the community, in whatever area, would be valuable.

Israel has been the focus of biased and distorted attention. The Department, the Chairman and the Executive Director have maintained continuous and effective contact with the

Israel Embassy, the Britain/Israel Public Affairs Centre, the Zionist Federation, AJEX, the Council of Christians and Jews and the Parliamentary Friends of Israel groups throughout the year. The Media Monitoring Committee, chaired by the Board's Senior Vice-President, Mr Eric Moonman, is attended regularly by the PR Chairman and Executive Director.

In addition, the Chairman participated, in the Board's Study Mission to Israel, led by the President, Vice-President Finestein and Mr Menny Klausner, Chairman of the Israel Committee. This activity-packed and highly-informative experience afforded the opportunity of discussing crucial issues at the highest level.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and several Committee members, in addition to the Executive Director, have delivered an increasing number of talks about the work of the Board to a variety of congregations, social and educational groups. The speakers are happy to accept further invitations.

The Vice-Chairman has had particular responsibility for arranging inter-congregational meetings at which members of various synagogues in a region, both Orthodox and Progressive, meet together to hear and question the President, Honorary Officers, Secretary General and Committee Chairmen of the Board on matters concerning the Board and the Jewish community.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE



Members of communal groups who visit the Board also enjoy a programme at the Jewish Museum in Woburn House.

“Members of the Committee staffed display stands and entertained Jewish and non-Jewish visitors.”

On the initiative of Mr Ron Shelley, Chairman of the Central Jewish Lecture and Information Committee, the Department has helped to organise the highly successful Weeks of Welcome in a number of synagogues. Members of the Committee staffed display stands and entertained Jewish and non-Jewish visitors, who came to learn about the Board and other communal institutions.

The Department similarly shares with the Central Lecture Committee the hosting of visits by communal groups and religious classes to witness the working sessions of the Board. It set up a Board of Deputies stand at an Israel Independence Day function at Redbride and it continues to provide regular data. The PR Officer was involved in the preparation of a Board of Deputies supplement for the “Jewish Chronicle” in September and in editing the Annual Report you are now reading.

Through lack of finance, the monthly journal “On Board”, which supplied information to congregations and organisations throughout the country in an attractive, illustrated format, ceased publication. The Committee hopes that an early improvement in financial support from the community for the Board will make a resumption of this much-missed service possible.

The Chairman was elected convenor of a multi-racial consortium, which included representatives of the Board and of the Asian, Cypriot, Afro-Caribbean, Polish, Irish, Hispanic, Japanese

and Chinese communities of London, the objective being to gain a licence to broadcast ethnic radio programmes on a new London-wide community station, offered by the Independent Broadcasting Authority. Although the consortium’s application was much commended and was backed (uniquely) by both Capital Radio and the London Broadcasting Company, it was not given the single licence on offer (for which 39 other groups also applied!), although it did establish an admirable standard of inter-ethnic human relations and a resolve by the members of the consortium to remain united to assess further opportunities.

A more rewarding radio enterprise was the year-long campaign which finally led to the transfer of Michael Freedland’s programme, “The Jewish World”, now again entitled “You Don’t Have To Be Jewish”, to London Broadcasting which will give it a larger audience and a better time.

“You Don’t Have To Be Jewish” will also go out in local versions to major centres of provincial Jewry■



SHECHITA COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(6 meetings)

Chairman

Zina Cohen, (6)

Vice-Chairman

Isaac Rubin, (6)

Prof. Geoffrey Alderman (5)

Mozy Cohen (3)

Eli Fachler (4)

*David Fluss (4)

John Fransman (5)

Ivan Grossman (4)

Raymond Harris (5)

Rev. Chaim J Heilpern (3)

S.S. Hirsch (3)

*Dr. Bernard Homa (0)

Michael Kenner (3)

Harry Kingsley (3)

*Dr. Charles Levene (5)

Michael Mandel (2)

Richard Polak (1)

Garry Polikoff (4)

Joyce Rose (4)

Jessica Sharman (2)

1 vacancy

PUBLICITY in the Media was rather less than in previous years, but close contact was maintained with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in connection with its proposed regulations on animal and poultry slaughter, arising from the Government's part acceptance of the recommendation by the Farm Animal Welfare Council.

After the Shechita Committee discussed details with the Ecclesiastical Authorities and the Religious leaders of other groups, it submitted comments on the drafts, and gave special attention to the definition of the cutting process in Shechita so as to ensure that the wording did not conflict with halacha. The Committee also suggested that where

religious methods were referred to, it should be made clear (as in the case in primary legislation) that there was a difference between the Jewish and Moslem methods.

In a regulation dealing with the competence of Slaughtermen, following a suggestion submitted by the Board, the licence of the Rabbinical Commission for the Licensing of Shochetim was equated with that given by a local authority.

Representatives of the Ecclesiastical Authorities visited the U.S.A. to see the upright pen in operation, and subsequently reported that it would be acceptable in a model to be approved by the Jewish authorities and the Ministry.

The Official Journal of the European Community published a draft Convention on the movement, restraining, stunning and slaughter of animals and poultry. The Committee felt that this was in accordance with Jewish tradition which condemns any form of cruelty to animals, and that it could concur on the proposals.

The Chairman and Executive Director attended a meeting of the European Jewish Congress Commission on Anti-semitism and spoke briefly on Shechita.

A new publication on Shechita was drafted and it is hoped that this will appear in print early in 1990.

Vigilance in matters of Shechita is vital, and readers of this Annual Report are requested to contact the Board whenever they see or hear references to Shechita in the media. ■

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YAD VASHEM CHARITABLE TRUST

(Yad Vashem Committee
of Great Britain)



Yom Hashoa'h, Hyde Park

"...however, communities within Great Britain have been slow to adopt a Lost Community."

THE Committee reaffirmed its commitment to promoting Holocaust Education within the community, schools and institutions of Higher Education.

SURVIVORS

The Committee in conjunction with the Holocaust Educational Trust has been involved in compiling a Register of Survivors. It was important to assess how many survivors came to Britain after the war in comparison to the tens of thousands of other nationalities who gained admission to this country. Requests for information from a growing number of schools and other institutions and individuals continue to be dealt with by the department.

MEMORIAL

The Holocaust Memorial Service at the Dell in Hyde Park was attended by over a thousand people, and had a most significant effect in encouraging many provincial communities to hold their own commemorative services. Many youth organizations who attended the communal gathering in Hyde Park followed up their visit with programmes and activities dedicated to the Holocaust.

The project for establishing the Valley of the 5,000 Lost Communities under the auspices of Yad Vashem in Israel has been enthusiastically taken up by the Committee; however, communities within Great Britain have been slow to adopt a Lost Community. The Committee hopes that over the coming year more support will be given to this vital project.

The series of three public lectures, which was inaugurated three years ago, has continued. The main thrust of this particular series is the reaction of the British Community, both Jewish and non-Jewish, to the Holocaust.

TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST

The Report of the Survey on Teaching the Holocaust in the United Kingdom by Dr. John P. Fox which was commissioned by the National Yad Vashem Charitable Trust was launched at the House of Commons. It is hoped that this survey helped to emphasise the importance of Teaching the Holocaust and that it may have been of some help to the Government's Working Party on History within the national curriculum.

The Committee organised a seminar to co-ordinate the activities of Holocaust Teaching in the United Kingdom. A regular newsletter will be published jointly with the Holocaust Educational Trust emphasising Holocaust teaching activities throughout the United Kingdom. ■

OBITUARY: MR. MICHAEL FIDLER, JP



THE death of Mr. Michael Fidler in September 1989 at the age of 73 cast a dark cloud over the Board. Michael Fidler had been in failing health for some time, but his energy and ebullience were such that only those in his intimate circle were aware of his sufferings.

Michael Fidler was born in Manchester, into a family steeped in the service of the British Jewish community. His father, Louis Fidler, was prominent in synagogal leadership and Michael followed his example from a very early age. He enriched the life of Manchester at every level – he was prominent in the civic life of Prestwich, being Mayor in 1957-1958 and subsequently being elected an Alderman of the Council. He was a Justice of the Peace and indeed a highly experienced Chairman of the Bench.

In the Jewish community he became a Member of the Council of Manchester and Salford Jews when in his twenties. He subsequently held the various Executive Offices and was President of the Council from 1966-1968. He had a wide perspective and a broad knowledge of Jewish issues and from his election as a representative of the Holy Law Synagogue to the Board of Deputies in 1942, he played a regular and active part in the Board's deliberations.

In 1967 he was victorious over the then Mr. Victor Mishcon in the contest for the Presidency of the Board of Deputies. He won by a narrow margin of 16 votes, and the "Jewish Chronicle" reported his success as being due to "superior organisation, provincial loyalty, and the belief that

the Presidency should go to a Deputy long in the service of the Board". From the moment of his election, Michael Fidler threw himself heart and soul into the Board's activities. There is no sphere of the Board's work that did not benefit from his advice, guidance and encouragement. He visited communities up and down the country, meeting the grass-roots of the Jewish community, and carefully studying the problems with which they were confronted. He met the very many challenges which British Jewry had to face in the light of the changing situation following the Six Day War.

There were three issues which dominated his Presidency. Firstly he appreciated the groundswell of opinion and strong feeling that the plight of Soviet Jewry should figure prominently on the Jewish agenda. He convened the first British Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry in 1969 at the Piccadilly Hotel, which was widely reported, and the proceedings of which were published under the heading "Light on Soviet Jewry".

Secondly, he grappled with the problem of those synagogal bodies represented on the Board, which did not recognise the Chief Rabbi and the Haham, who were and are the Board's Ecclesiastical Authorities. He had to face tremendous pressures in attempting to resolve these issues, many friendships disappeared as a result, but ultimately he emerged with a solution where the Board received guidance from its Ecclesiastical Authorities – as had always been the situation – but which also required the President to

**OBITUARY:
MR. MICHAEL FIDLER, JP**

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consult all those other bodies which did not recognise those authorities. If the situation has worked well, this is a tribute to his advocacy and his diplomatic skills.

Thirdly, he recognised that in the changing situation of the early 70's, the Board of Deputies had to be firmly entrenched in the international Jewish arena. He took the initial steps in negotiation with Dr. Nahum Goldman, to move the Board towards full participation with the World Jewish Congress, and for the President of the Board to be recognised as the Chairman of its European Section. The matters were almost finalised at the end of his Presidency in 1973, but were subsequently ratified in the first year of his successor, the late Lord Fisher of Camden.

In these and in many other ways, Michael Fidler demonstrated effective leadership and showed his ability to resolve conflict and to maximise the common ground within the British Jewish community.

It was during his Presidency that he was elected a Member of Parliament in 1970, and in the second Triennium of his Presidency, he effectively combined membership of the House of Commons with the lay leadership of the Jewish community, although there were – from time to time – some strains in resolving the conflicting demands of the two situations.

Following the completion of his tenure of office as President, he served a further six years as Chairman of the Board's Foreign Affairs Committee, and made a very positive impact upon the international Jewish scene. He was a keen and regular attendee at meetings of the World Jewish Congress, at the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, and at the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

His membership of the House of Commons was regrettably short, but it was during those four years that he became convinced of the need to have an effective voice supportive of Israel in the ranks of the Conservative Party. He indeed created the Conservative Friends of Israel, and he was its Director from 1975 to only a few months before his death. He built up the C.F.I. to be a most effective lobby for Israel within both Houses of Parliament, as well as at the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Michael Fidler was a great Jew, an outstanding Zionist, and a skilled leader of his people. He will be sorely missed by the Board of Deputies, and in particular at the monthly meetings, where his contributions and his statesman-like approach were highly regarded and warmly appreciated■

LIONEL KOPELOWITZ



**OBITUARY:
MR. MYER DOMNITZ**

“Our sages teach us that a person’s name frequently denotes his character. Mr. Domnitz’s Hebrew name was Me’ir – and he was truly one who shed light.”

AS the twentieth century enters its last decade, it is generally accepted that in a country with a multi-racial population there must be mutual understanding between the various groups. School curricula stress the need for an awareness by the majority ethnic group of the mores and manners of the minority element. The minority groups themselves have to appreciate that their traditions need not be lost, even if the majority group may not find it immediately easy to understand the customs of those from the other side of the globe.

Myer Domnitz, who died in December 1989, was a pioneer in the whole concept of Intergroup Relations, and may well have been among the first to use that phrase and subsequently to devote his life to propagating the concept.

He became the Education Officer of the Central Jewish Lecture Committee shortly after the Second World War, having previously trained as a teacher and becoming the first Headmaster of what is now the Yesodei Hatorah School for boys.

Myer saw his tasks as forging new links between the Jewish and wider communities, not only by providing lectures to Christian groups on aspects of Jewish life, but in encouraging liaison between them on many projects in which there could be joint endeavours. In doing so, he

stressed that there must be no deviation from the traditional Jewish values and he knew that the Jew was to be all the more respected because of that.

Contact with educationalists and with colleges for teacher training was regarded by him as particularly important, and the success of that aspect of the Central Jewish Lecture and Information Committee’s activities today may well have resulted from the initial work which he undertook thirty and forty years ago.

Two of his booklets, “Learning to Live with our Neighbours” and “Education in Human Relations” should be among the matters for essential reading for any student teacher. In the 1960’s, he was able to extend his knowledge and expertise in helping with integration of immigrants from the new Commonwealth, and he acted as Rapporteur to a special working party established by the Board of Deputies and which issued a Report in 1969 on “Improving Race Relations – A Jewish Contribution”. In spite of indifferent health – not only during his full time service with the Board from 1946 to 1974 but in the years since his retirement – he devoted himself to all projects with absolute devotion.

Our sages teach us that a person’s name frequently denotes his character. Mr. Domnitz’s Hebrew name was Me’ir – and he was truly one who shed light.

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CENTRAL ENQUIRY DESK – 071-387 4044

THE Central Enquiry Desk is unique. The desk, operated by 35 volunteers five days a week, answers over 200 calls a week and directs callers to where they can find the answers to any number of questions. These range from Aliyah and Kibbutzim, Festival dates, Directions to Cemeteries, Kosher Restaurants and Caterers, locations of synagogues, Bookshops, Jewish Schools and many more. Most days bring the unusual – including a woman who wanted to arrange a Brit for her baby which was due in

9 months time and a lady from the States who was divorcing her Jewish husband and wanted to be “de-converted” immediately!

Over 1,000 calls a month are handled by helpful, friendly voices who refer to a constantly updated index card system in order to answer callers accurately.

Organisations planning functions are urged to notify the Communal Diary via the Central Enquiry Desk to ensure events do not clash.





Sir Isaiah Berlin (centre), Guest of Honour at the Gala Concert to celebrate his 80th birthday. He is seen here with Lady Berlin and Mr Willie Nagel, who hosted the event.

BO.D. Promotions Ltd continued to contribute significantly to the work of the Board in a number of important ways, both financial and promotional.

The Subscriber Scheme, which was created in order to give business and professional firms an opportunity to support the Board's work, grew rapidly. In 1988 the number of Subscribers paying £100 per

annum was 79. In 1989 this figure had grown to 144, with most Subscribers renewing their annual payments. Subscribers, as well as Donors, are listed elsewhere in the Report and we express, once again, our grateful thanks to them.

For the first time in recent years, a four page supplement on the work of the Board was published in the *Jewish Chronicle* in September. This publication was paid for by advertising income. The wide circulation of the *Jewish Chronicle* ensured that unlike other Board publications, this reached many more readers. More supplements are planned for next year.

The 1988 Annual Report was published in July. This Report which had lapsed for twelve years was widely circulated and well received. The Report serves two purposes.

- 1) To inform Deputies and the Community at large of the comprehensive work of the Board.
- 2) To raise additional funds from advertising.

The additional advertising raised, covered the complete cost of design and printing for the first year, and as with the Subscriber Scheme, we are hopeful that all of our advertisers will continue to support us in subsequent years, as well as attracting new ones. The circulation of the Report is over 1000 copies. I would like to pay tribute to the work of Maureen Fisher, who has been responsible for obtaining many advertisements for the JC Supplement, Annual Report and recruiting Subscribers to the scheme.

The "All Aboard" Charity Shops operation, has once again seen changes. The shops are run for the benefit of the Board and other UK Jewish charities. The two shops opened in 1988 at 22 Bell Lane, Hendon, NW4 and 158 Finchley Road NW3 continued to build up business. During the year, we were offered a short term occupancy of a shop in Edgware High Street, which in the seven months of operation grossed £11,000 takings. Plans are well in hand to open an "All Aboard" Shop in Golders Green in 1990.

Overall, the shops contributed to the income of over 20 UK charities, as well as to the Board. A sincere expression of thanks must go to the Convenors, Stella Lucas and Monique Landau, and the large number of volunteers, who assist both the shops, in collections and in the overall organisation.

Two functions took place during the year. A quiz supper was held at Woburn House in January, which was conducted by Allan Conway as quizmaster and which raised £700 and was enjoyed by all participants. A Gala Concert and Reception was held in December, at the Whitehall Banqueting Rooms, in honour of Sir Isaiah Berlin's 80th birthday. The Concert was well supported by the Community and just over £20,000 was raised. A year of increased activity enabled us to increase our financial support to the Board, as well as create awareness as to its work ■

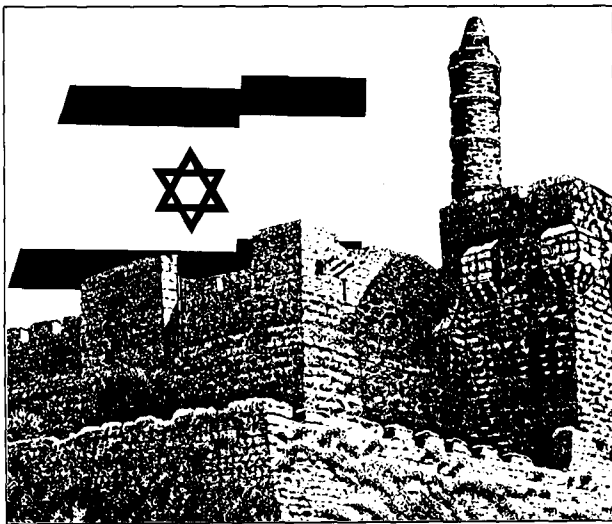
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BOARD STATEMENT ON ISRAEL

At the meeting on Sunday 24 September 1989, the following statement was adopted almost unanimously following a debate which lasted several hours and in which 25 Deputies participated.

1. The love of Zion is central to the Jewish religion and people. Zionism is the expression of this love in concern for the welfare and security of the State of Israel.



2. The Board supports Israel's search for a peaceful political solution to the conflict with her neighbours. It welcomes the Israel Government's proposals of May 14th 1989 for free elections in the territories leading to negotiations between Israelis and Palestinian Arabs as part of the peace process.
3. The Board sees Israel's proposals as offering an historic opportunity to reach a settlement with the Palestinian Arabs within the framework of a comprehensive peace between Israel and her neighbours. Any solution must reflect Israel's security.
4. Jerusalem must remain united under Israel's sovereignty.
5. The Board calls on Her Majesty's Government and the Governments of the European Community States to contribute to peace in the Middle East by supporting Israel's proposals.
6. The Board regrets the refusal of the Arab States, except for Egypt, to recognise the legitimacy of the State of Israel and to enter into negotiations to end the conflict.
7. The Board rejects all forms of terrorism. The continuing cycle of violence gravely damages the peace process and must cease if the Palestinian Arabs and sovereign Arab States are genuine in seeking peace in the Middle East.
8. The Board calls upon Her Majesty's Government to cease the supply of offensive weapons to Arab States whilst at the same time operating an arms boycott of Israel of offensive and defensive weapons.
9. The Board deplores the haste with which Western powers, including Her Majesty's Government, have engaged in talks with PLO leaders without adequate evidence of a genuine change of PLO policy.
10. The Board supports the call for a multi-national operation in which Britain should participate, for the amelioration of the living conditions of Palestinian Arabs in refugee camps. The Board contrasts the pitiful effort made by the international Community, including the ten oil-rich Arab States, to help Arab refugees, with those of Israel, to rehabilitate successfully the Jewish refugees from Arab lands.
11. The Board urges greater accuracy, balance and fairness in the coverage of Israel and the Middle East by the British media.
12. In this forty-second year of Israel's independence, we appeal to all sections of the community to intensify support for Israel and her constructive achievements in building a just and democratic society and a secure future for the Jewish people. We shall continue to hope, work and pray for the peace of Jerusalem and all mankind■

BOARD RESOLUTIONS STATEMENTS AND PROTESTS

TERRORISM

The following are extracts from the Presidential Statement made by Dr. Lionel Kopelowitz JP at the Plenary Session of the Board of Deputies held in January 1989:

“Mr. Yassir Arafat claims to have renounced terrorism, but a study of his speeches indicates that this is a qualified renunciation in that he proclaims that the Intifada – the uprising on the West Bank – will continue, as he regards this not as terrorism, but a legitimate struggle in the fight for freedom by the Palestinian people.

“We appeal to HM Government to consider very carefully the manner in which the rights of the Palestinian people can be met, while simultaneously giving adequate security to the State of Israel, political satisfaction to Jordan, and real stability to the Middle East both in political and economical terms.”

APARTHEID

“The violence against the Black Community in South Africa has continued for over 40 years, but there is now a growing realisation among many of the white business and political leaders that change must come”, stated Cedric Mason of the Anti-Apartheid Movement to the Jewish Defence and Group Relations Committee, at a meeting in January. The Black Community was looking for a united, non-racial, democratic regime and the Jewish Community,

which had given much support, was asked to continue its involvement.

“The South African Blacks retain their spirit and determination for change. They know that they will win ultimately”, he added.

The Board has for many years been a member of the Inter-faith Committee of the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

The support of the Board for the Anti-Apartheid Movement was re-emphasised.”

CONVENT AT AUSCHWITZ

A delegation comprising the President, His Honour Israel Finestein QC and Mrs June Jacobs met His Eminence Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, in February.

The Board stated:

“The Jewish community believes there should be no shrine of any faith on any ground on which four and a half million beings, three and a half million of them Jewish, perished at the hands of the Nazis.”

The Board appealed to all synagogues to remain open throughout the traditional fast day of 17 Tammuz (20 July) for communal or private prayer “as we reflect upon Auschwitz and all that it represents to the Jewish people.”

HE Zbigniew Gertych, the Polish Ambassador to the Court of St James, associated himself publicly with the protest of the Board against the continued presence of the Carmelite Convent in Auschwitz. He attended a special service on 17 Tammuz.

RESOLUTION ON THE CARMELITE CONVENT WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE DELEGATION

Representatives of the Jewish Communities in Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Holland, Italy, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Yugoslavia, members of the European Jewish Congress, meeting in London in September for their Annual General Assembly presented the following resolution:

WE:

“DEPLORE the failure to comply within the specified time with the Agreement signed in Geneva on February 22nd, 1987, between a Catholic and a Jewish delegation, on the relocation of the Carmelite Convent from the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp, where human beings of all creeds were martyred and which is the tragic symbol of the Shoah, when millions of Jews were put to death because they were Jews.

REQUEST that on the basis of this Agreement, the Convent will be promptly relocated outside the camp;

APPRECIATE the voices being raised in the Catholic world, demanding that the Geneva Agreement be honoured;

EXPRESS approval of and confidence in the Jewish delegation dealing with the matter and encourage them to carry on their task;

HOPE that the hitherto fruitful Jewish Catholic

BOARD RESOLUTIONS STATEMENTS AND PROTESTS

dialogue, strongly affected by the situation resulting from the non-relocation of the Carmelite Convent, will not suffer lasting damage.”

European Jewish Congress
London, September 11, 1989

SHECHITA DEFENDED

A statement from Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, as President of European Jewish Congress, was issued simultaneously in Paris and London, when the Swedish Government proposed to ban the slaughter of poultry by Shechita.

The statement recalled that the Jewish slaughter of cows and sheep had been prohibited since 1937, when a law to this effect was adopted under the influence of Nazi propaganda. A move which would also prohibit the slaughter of poultry added further injury. Its effect would be to deny fresh meat to the 8,000-strong Swedish Jewish community and would be seen as a grave discrimination and a further example of growing intolerance in modern society.

The Central Council of the Swedish Jewish Communities later cabled:

“Dear Friends
“Thanks for all your help. The victory is ours. We have just got the copy of the Government decision. Six tightly written pages. Said to be one of the most exhaustively accounted-for decisions ever...”

“The Government states that the slaughter in question is acceptable from a viewpoint of animal protection.”

TRIAL BY JEWRY

In the “star wars spy trial” of Mr Erwin Van Haarlem, Mr Justice Simon Brown asked members of the Jewish faith to stand down from the Jury. The Board felt this was unreasonable, and made the following comment:

““Whilst the Board would not for a moment attribute to the learned Judge any prejudice or bias, the Board of Deputies, on behalf of the Jewish community, wishes to place on record in the clearest terms its opinion that a Jewish citizen as a juror in a trial is no less able than any other person to act in the spirit and letter of the jury oath and to return a fair and proper verdict in accordance with the evidence.”

KEEP NAZIS OUT

An urgent message from the Board to the Home Secretary asked for neo-Nazis to be denied entry into Britain in May. A conference for political extremists was expected to attract Nazi supporters from a number of West European countries.

“We are naturally anxious that such a meeting of leading ‘racial-nationalists’ (as they call themselves) from all parts of Europe should take place on British soil and would urge you to exercise your powers to prevent such an unfortunate occurrence.”

The Home Office did not believe participants could be shown to be “seriously

threatening as well as offensive to Britain” and ruled out any action.

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

An appeal to the Jewish community to vote in the elections for the European Parliament was made by the Board, the Zionist Federation, AJEX, B’nai B’rith and BIPAC, following efforts to canvass the 400 candidates in 81 constituencies in the run up to the elections.

Approximately 100 replies were received to questions ranging from the PLO to Shechita and Nazi War Criminals to the Arab Boycott. In addition to the individual candidates, replies were received from the major political parties.

An analysis of replies was made available to the public.

TRAGEDY IN ISRAEL

A message was sent to the President of Israel, Chaim Herzog, when a bus travelling from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv was deliberately forced off the road into a ravine, causing tragic loss of life.

“The British Jewish community is aghast at the appalling tragedy which occurred in Israel yesterday, when 14 civilians lost their lives as a result of terrorist action.

“We commend the bravery of those well-intentioned human beings who risked their own lives in attempts to rescue those who were trapped inside the burning bus in conditions of unspeakable horror.”

The following reply was received from President Herzog:

BOARD RESOLUTIONS STATEMENTS AND PROTESTS

“The Board strongly protested to the Foreign Secretary following the meeting in July between Sir Geoffrey Howe and Basam Abu Sharif...”

“We appreciate your sensitivity to the herosim of the rescuers, and we are certain that, with us, you see the dreadful incident as casting blinding light upon the problems Israel faces. We have every hope that, as in the past, we will overcome them and that a great Jewish community, like Britain’s, will stand beside us.”

PROTEST

The Board strongly protested to the Foreign Secretary following the meeting in July between Sir Geoffrey Howe and Basam Abu Sharif who only a few days earlier had condoned – and indeed justified – the massacre of 14 civilians and the injury of 27 others, on a bus travelling between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

The Secretary General reminded the Foreign Secretary that the PLO Chairman, for whom Sharif is spokesman, had recently sent a message congratulating China’s leaders on suppressing the student struggle for freedom and democracy in Tiananmen Square.

WAR CRIMES

The Board welcomed the report of the War Crimes Enquiry in July and paid tribute to Sir Thomas

Hetherington KCB TD QC and Mr William Chalmers CB MC for “a lucid and comprehensive statement of the position and for their principal recommendation, i.e. that the law be changed to permit War Crimes Trials to take place in England and Scotland.”

The Board urged all MPs to give their backing to the measures.

The President of the Board hoped that the Home Secretary would bring forward legislation at the earliest possible opportunity. He commended the valuable work of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles and the sustained campaign by the All-Party War Crimes Committee in Parliament.

DEMONSTRATION

A demonstration outside the War Crimes Conference at the Royal Westminster Hotel in October brought the following response from the Board:

“The demonstration was an affront to the victims of Nazism and an insult to the representatives of Commonwealth and other countries, who together with British MP’s, assembled to discuss War Crimes.

“Delegates to the Conference, some of them Concentration Camp survivors, had to run the gauntlet of chanting neo-Nazi demonstrators.

“The initial police response was inadequate. They had been told to expect a demonstration as similar Conferences in the past had been picketed by neo-Nazis, some of whom have also attempted to gain entrance. It points out once again the need to make more effective the legislation against such acts of racism.

“The demonstration was an insult to the British people who resisted and ultimately defeated Nazism.”

COMMONS DECISION

In December the House of Commons decided to introduce legislation to allow perpetrators of crimes outside the U.K., at a time when they had not been British citizens, to be prosecuted under British Law.

Board statement:

“The Commons decision, by an overwhelming majority of 348 to 123, is a welcome recognition that Nazi brutalities have not been forgotten; that there cannot be any time limit for mass murder; that those who committed these horrific crimes will not be permitted to get away with it and that this will serve as a warning to others who may be tempted to act similarly in the future.

“The Board hopes that the necessary legislation will follow speedily and that British justice will be done and seen to be done.”

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DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Protests from the Board resulted in a Desert Island Discs programme with Lady Diana Mosley as castaway being postponed three times, although it was eventually broadcast.

The issue was widely covered in the press.

Extract from a letter from Dr. Kopelowitz to Mr. Marmaduke Hussey, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the BBC:

“It is a bitter irony that this (new) date coincides with the Annual Parade of Jewish Ex-Servicemen at the Cenotaph in Whitehall. However, our objection relates not so much to the date of the broadcast, but to the principle that access to millions of listeners should not be provided to someone who supported Nazism and Fascism, and who revered Hitler – the greatest enemy of this country and of mankind. Even now Lady Mosley has in no way repented, but seeks to justify policies and positions which were and are abhorrent to decent British people and for which so many suffered and died during World War II.”

NATIONAL CURRICULUM

The following letter was sent by the President to the Rt Hon John MacGregor MP, Secretary of State for Education and Science:

“I have received representations from many sources within the Jewish community, expressing concern about the syllabus for the teaching of modern history in the National Curriculum. I am advised that the requirements will be for the history course to end in 1939.

“Whilst recognising that there will be schools who would extend the teaching of history into the Second World War and beyond, I express the concern of the British Jewish community that the statutory period does not extend into the Second World War.

“I am sure you will share my view that the brutality of Nazi Germany led to devastating effects upon the world, and upon the Jewish community in particular. We firmly believe that the barbarism and slaughter perpetrated by the Nazis, as part of Hitler’s ‘final solution’ should be made known to this and future

generations. We believe that only such a knowledge of barbarism will ensure that future generations will never permit such inhumanity between man and man.

“I trust, therefore, that you will take steps to reconsider the modern history curriculum, bearing in mind the points which I have brought to your attention.”

“This cruel act, the killing of an innocent man in cold blood, is an affront to civilised values.”

**MURDER OF
BELGIAN
JEWISH LEADER**

Professor Joseph Wybrand, the leader of Belgian Jewry, who attended the 11 September EJC meeting in London, was murdered in Brussels shortly afterwards.

Dr. Lionel Kopelowitz, President issued a statement in the name of the Board and European Jewish Congress expressing the horror of the Jewish communities.

“This cruel act, the killing of an innocent man in cold blood, is an affront to civilised values. We express our sincere condolences to the family, and call upon the police authorities to make every effort to bring to justice the killer or killers who perpetrated this dastardly act.”

**ISRAEL AND
ETHIOPIA**

“The Board of Deputies of British Jews views with satisfaction the resumed diplomatic relations between Israel and Ethiopia, and hopes that those Ethiopian Jews still waiting to emigrate to Israel will very soon be re-united with their families there.”

**PRESIDENT
SEES IRISH
PRIME MINISTER**

Following his visit to Ireland, the President of the Board sent the following letter to Mr. Charles J. Haughey, Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland:

“We had a broad range of discussions on a number of matters of interest to the Jewish communities of Europe, and I take this opportunity again of extending my good wishes to the Republic of Ireland, as your Government is about to resume the responsible office of Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community.

“I did mention that the Middle East Peace Process will figure high on the agenda of meetings of the Council of Ministers, and I mentioned how important it was that there should be a permanent Israeli presence in Dublin so that dialogue would be much easier.

“You did promise to take a fresh look at this problem, and I very much hope that you will see your way clear to setting up arrangements so that there can be an Israel Embassy in Dublin. I am confident that the Republic of Ireland and the State of Israel would both benefit significantly from such an arrangement.”

OXFAM

The Board of Deputies has on a number of occasions since 1982 raised with Oxfam, the largest overseas British charity, their dissemination of inaccurate and tendentious information relating to the Palestinian refugees.

Their recent ‘Position Paper on Israel/Palestine’ clearly breached previous undertakings and contained further biased and inaccurate statements.

Following several meetings Oxfam agreed that if it were ever decided to have a popular public campaign, there would be wide consultation inside and outside Oxfam, including the Board of Deputies of British Jews, before committing the organisation to the details of such a campaign. The Board expressed its satisfaction that the matter had been settled amicably.

Fellow Deputies

I am pleased to present the "Accounts of the Board" for the year to 31st December 1989.

I have previously circulated a combined summary of the Accounts of the Board and B.O.D. Promotions Ltd., the company through which our fund-raising income is received. I am once again also circulating a summary of the separate accounts of B.O.D. Promotions Ltd, for your further information.

Whilst relieved that the combined deficit for the year has been reduced by nearly one-half from approximately £129,000 in 1988 to approximately £67,000, this is still an untenable deficit.

You will have noted from the combined summary, details of the 1990 Budget for Income and Expenditure and the comparison for 1989 of the actual figures, as compared to 1989 budgets.

One of the most positive aspects of my report to you is, as you will no doubt have noted, that the economies in expenditure that we effected at the beginning of 1989 were fully implemented and will be maintained, and that the total combined expenditure for the year was in fact lower than the budget.

The other positive feature in the year, was the continuing

high level of income from donations, advertising and fund-raising. I must, on your behalf, express our sincere gratitude to all those charities, individuals and companies who continue to support the Board in its endeavours.

A special mention must also be made of those volunteers who administer and operate the "On Board" charity shops, which are proving to be a valuable source of income not only to the Board, but also to other local charitable organisations.

Regrettably, the one negative feature in the year was the level of income from the Communal Levy. Although slightly in excess of the 1988 figure, it was disappointingly lower than the budget for the year, from which individual targets had been set for each community. Despite the most intensive efforts to maximise the income from the Communal Levy over the last 3½ years whilst it has remained at the same per capita amount, I believe that we had no alternative but to adopt an increase in the Communal Levy, to £15 per annum. This amount is payable by each synagogue member, who is eligible to vote in the election for Deputies to the Board.

We are continuing to seek a more comprehensive system for collecting the Communal Levy, which everyone accepts is an important communal responsibility. We must ensure that the Board is adequately funded, to carry out not only its routine work on behalf of the Community, but also to enable it to maintain a level of vigilance, competence

and professionalism to deal with non-routine matters which arise continuously and which require a degree of attention which only a well serviced and maintained organisation can provide.

I must continue to express my gratitude to the staff of the Board for their hard work, support and efforts which have maintained the Board's effectiveness, despite the reduction in financial resources.

I trust that the combined efforts of the President, the Vice-Presidents, Deputies and Staff will create that greater degree of awareness, appreciation and understanding in the Community, which will then hopefully create that greater degree of communal support which is so necessary to enable the Board to carry out its work on behalf of the Community. ■

JEFFREY PINNICK FCA
Honorary Treasurer



Jeffrey Pinnick

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS

We have audited the financial statements in accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Board at 31 December 1989 and of its results for the year then ended.

London 6 April 1990
BENNETT NASH, WOOLF & CO.
Chartered Accountants

*The Board of Deputies
of British Jews
Balance Sheet as at
31 December 1989*

	Note	1989		1988	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	3		13,566		8,907
INVESTMENTS	4		33,509		47,313
CURRENT ASSETS					
Bank and cash balance		2,317		426	
Prepayments		8,042		13,473	
Charitable Trust		115,327		2,523	
Loan (secured)		3,000		3,000	
B.O.D. Promotions Limited		524		-	
		<u>129,210</u>		<u>19,422</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Bank overdrafts		367,358		186,921	
Creditors, accruals and provisions		29,361		33,651	
Corporation Tax		237		438	
Other taxes and social security costs		5,646		5,100	
		<u>402,602</u>		<u>226,110</u>	
Net Current Liabilities			<u>(273,392)</u>		<u>(206,688)</u>
			<u>(226,317)</u>		<u>(150,468)</u>
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	5				
Deficit brought forward			(150,468)		(49,637)
Deficit for year			<u>(75,849)</u>		<u>(100,831)</u>
			<u>(226,317)</u>		<u>(150,468)</u>

Jeffrey Pinnick, FCA
Hon. Treasurer
6 April 1990

*The Board of Deputies
of British Jews
Income and Expenditure
Account for the year ended
31 December 1989*

	Note	1989		1988	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Representation fees	2	60,780		41,013	
Less: Travel allowances		<u>(3,557)</u>		<u>—</u>	
			57,223		41,013
Communal Levy			346,708		302,472
Donations			<u>727</u>		<u>1,378</u>
			404,658		344,863
EXPENDITURE					
Share of General Expenses	6		<u>(471,828)</u>		<u>(438,077)</u>
			(67,170)		(93,214)
Pensions paid		10,860		10,500	
Less: Gross Pension Fund investment income		(2,908)		(3,650)	
Tax paid		<u>727</u>		<u>928</u>	
			<u>(8,679)</u>		<u>(7,778)</u>
			(75,849)		(100,992)
Overprovision for tax on disposal of investments			<u>—</u>		<u>161</u>
Deficit for the year			<u>(75,849)</u>		<u>(100,831)</u>

**THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS TO THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 1989**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention on a going concern basis.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write the assets

down to their residual value at the end of their anticipated useful life as follows:-

Office Equipment – 10% straight line

Motor Vehicles – 25% straight line

2. INCOME

Income represents Representation Fees (reduced by Travel allowances to Deputies), Communal Levy and Donations.

**3. FIXED ASSETS –
GENERAL FUND**

	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	MOTOR VEHICLES	TOTAL
	£	£	£
Cost at 1 January 1989	27,044	21,454	48,498
Additions	212	17,690	17,902
Disposals	–	(11,704)	(11,704)
	<u>27,256</u>	<u>27,440</u>	<u>54,696</u>
Cost at 31 December 1989			
Depreciation at 1 January 1989	24,235	15,356	39,591
Charge for year	2,725	6,109	8,834
Eliminated on disposals	–	(7,295)	(7,295)
	<u>26,960</u>	<u>14,170</u>	<u>41,130</u>
Depreciation at 31 December 1989			
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 DECEMBER 1989	<u>296</u>	<u>13,270</u>	<u>13,566</u>
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 DECEMBER 1988	<u>2,809</u>	<u>6,098</u>	<u>8,907</u>

4. INVESTMENTS

a) PENSION RESERVE

	1989	1988
COST		
Government Securities		
£40 War Stock 3½%	13	13
£15,000 Treasury Stock 10% 1992	15,652	15,652
Listed Securities		
10,000 Sears Plc Ordinary 25p shares	<u>12,844</u>	<u>12,844</u>
	28,509	28,509
Money at Short Call	–	18,804
	<u>28,509</u>	47,313

b) OTHER INVESTMENT

Investment in unquoted securities	<u>5,000</u>	–
	<u>33,509</u>	<u>47,313</u>

During the year the Board acquired the whole of the issued share capital of Jewish Community Radio London Limited, a Company incorporated in England, at a cost of £5,000.

**THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS TO THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 1989**

MARKET VALUE PENSION RESERVE INVESTMENTS	1989	1988
Government Securities	14,932	15,213
Listed Securities	<u>10,900</u>	<u>11,200</u>
	<u>25,832</u>	<u>26,413</u>

1989	1988
£	£

5. THE ACCUMULATED DEFICIT at 31 December 1989

is attributable as follows:

General Fund	(234,501)	(167,331)
Pension Fund Reserve	<u>8,184</u>	<u>16,863</u>
	<u>(226,317)</u>	<u>(150,468)</u>

6. GENERAL EXPENSES

Rent, cleaning and lighting	118,294	119,889
Telephone	23,544	21,383
Printing and stationery	34,125	65,127
Postage	11,140	11,869
Books and papers	7,138	9,959
Insurance	3,356	7,712
Travelling and motor expenses	26,220	50,331
Conference and meeting expenses	6,514	10,468
Repairs and maintenance	5,838	7,669
Committee expenses	17,858	13,724
World Jewish Congress subscription	1,750	1,750
Security	6,878	9,071
Audit fee	2,300	1,925
Legal fees	2,000	1,328
Bank charges and interest	24,130	12,850
Sundries	2,913	4,229
Depreciation	8,834	7,520
Profit on sale of fixed assets	(841)	—
Salaries, social security costs and pension contributions	<u>247,943</u>	<u>198,169</u>
	<u>549,934</u>	<u>554,973</u>

Allocated as follows:

General Fund	471,828	438,077
Charitable Trust	<u>78,106</u>	<u>116,896</u>
	<u>549,934</u>	<u>554,973</u>

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES CHARITABLE TRUST

We have audited the financial statements in accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Trust, the Disused Cemeteries Fund and the Jacob Leveen Deceased Residuary Legacy Fund at 31 December 1989 and of the results of the said trust and Funds for the year then ended.

London 6 April 1990
BENNETT NASH, WOOLF & CO.
Chartered Accountants

The Board of Deputies

Charitable Trust

Balance Sheet as at

31 December 1989

	Note	1989		1988	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	4		42,582		29,135
INVESTMENTS	5		107,037		106,740
CURRENT ASSETS					
Bank balances		118,010		6,065	
Income tax recoverable		21,090		21,028	
Other debtors		—		989	
B.O.D. Promotions Limited		18,099		22,193	
Donations promised		19,000		—	
		<u>176,199</u>		<u>50,275</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Bank overdrafts		—		69,156	
Creditors and accruals		5,257		2,645	
General fund		115,327		2,523	
Other taxes and social security costs		3,445		4,291	
		<u>124,029</u>		<u>78,615</u>	
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)			<u>52,170</u>		<u>(28,340)</u>
			<u>201,789</u>		<u>107,535</u>
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT					
Balance brought forward	6		107,535		129,450
Surplus (Deficit) for year			<u>94,254</u>		<u>(21,915)</u>
			<u>201,789</u>		<u>107,535</u>

Jeffrey Pinnick, FCA
Hon. Treasurer
6 April 1990

*The Board of Deputies
Charitable Trust
Income and Expenditure
Account for the year ended
31 December 1989*

	Note	1989		1988	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Donations	2		300,171		279,593
Investment Income			1,094		1,015
Bank Interest			348		442
			<u>301,613</u>		<u>281,050</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Salaries, social security costs and pension contributions		168,678		161,092	
Allocation of costs incurred in the advance of education, studies and research		78,106		116,896	
Printing and stationery		7,140		5,280	
Equipment leasing		2,131		-	
Telephone		107		-	
Travelling and motor expenses		4,849		3,694	
Memorial Foundation subscription		933		1,739	
Committee expenses		1,586		6,229	
Audit fee		575		300	
Bank charges and interest		1,949		849	
Maintenance of cemeteries		2,252		1,196	
Depreciation		10,473		5,690	
			<u>278,779</u>		<u>302,965</u>
Surplus (Deficit) of income over expenditure			22,834		(21,915)
OTHER INCOME					
Donations towards capital expenditure	3		23,920		-
Donations – Special Appeal			47,500		-
Surplus (Deficit) for year			<u>94,254</u>		<u>(21,915)</u>

THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES CHARITABLE TRUST
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1989
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention on a going concern basis.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write the assets down to their residual value at the end of their anticipated useful life as follows:-

- Office Equipment – 10% straight line
- Motor Vehicles – 25% straight line

2. INCOME

Income represents:- Donations received or

specifically promised and actually received since the Balance Sheet date and includes £82,879 (1988 £83,192) receivable under Deed of Covenant from B.O.D. Promotions Limited.

Investment Income and Bank interest received in the year.

3. OTHER INCOME

In 1987 the Trust received by donation, a computer system valued at £23,920 which was not then recognised in the Trust accounts. The value of that computer system has now been recognised as Other Income.

	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	MOTOR VEHICLES	TOTAL
	£	£	£
4. FIXED ASSETS			
Cost at 1 January 1989	38,011	7,555	45,566
Additions	<u>23,920</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>23,920</u>
Cost at 31 December 1989	<u>61,931</u>	<u>7,555</u>	<u>69,486</u>
Depreciation at 1 January 1989	12,654	3,777	16,431
Charge for period/year	<u>8,585</u>	<u>1,888</u>	<u>10,473</u>
Depreciation at 31 December 1989	<u>21,239</u>	<u>5,665</u>	<u>26,904</u>
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 DECEMBER 1989	<u>40,692</u>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>42,582</u>
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 DECEMBER 1988	<u>25,357</u>	<u>3,778</u>	<u>29,135</u>
5. INVESTMENTS			
CHARITABLE TRUST	1989	1988	
£7,000 Exchequer 12¼% Stock 1992 at cost	7,037	7,037	
JACOB LEVEEN DECEASED RESIDUARY LEGACY FUND			
Money at short call	<u>100,000</u>	<u>99,703</u>	
	<u>107,037</u>	<u>106,740</u>	
MARKET VALUE			
£7,000 Exchequer 12¼% Stock 1992	<u>7,349</u>	<u>8,210</u>	
6. The accumulated surplus at 31 December 1989 is attributable as follows:			
Charitable Trust	114,990	18,727	
Disused Cemeteries Fund	(5,471)	(3,225)	
Jacob Leveen Deceased Residuary Legacy Fund	<u>92,270</u>	<u>92,033</u>	
	<u>201,789</u>	<u>107,535</u>	

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LIST OF CONSTITUENCIES REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD WITH THE NAMES OF THEIR DEPUTIES

Ten meetings of the Board were held during 1989. The numbers in brackets after the name of each Deputy represents the total number of attendances as indicated by signatures on the register sheets provided. In some cases, owing to a late election, Deputies were not able to attend all meetings and these are marked with *.

This list of Deputies was correct as at 31.12.89

PAST PRESIDENTS

Michael Fidler JP (Deceased)
The Hon. Greville Janner QC MP (6)

LONDON CONGREGATIONS

AHAVATH SHALOM – Martin Glenville (6)

BARKING & BECONTREE – Harry Brent (9)

BARNET – Laurence Bruce (2), John Hayes (2)

BELMONT – Ronald Fraser (2), Herman Hirschberger (5)

BELSIZE SQUARE – Harry Davies (6), Eric Moonman (10), Dr. A. Polonsky (2)

BOREHAMWOOD, ELSTREE & DISTRICT – Jonathan Arkush (2), Leon Newmark (9)

BRIDGE LANE BETH HAMEDRASH – Eric Graus (6)

BROMLEY REFORM – Michael Brandon-Bravo (4)

BUCKHURST HILL REFORM – Clive Bayard (3)

BUSHEY – Laurence Brass (5), Allan Conway (10)

CATFORD & BROMLEY – Sidney Burman (5)

CENTRAL – Sidney Diamond (8), Susan Goldbart (10), Sidney Green (3)

CHELSEA – J. Eden (3)

CHIGWELL & HAINAULT – Dr. Jessica Sharman (4), Pat Stanton (6)

CLAPTON – Prof. Geoffrey Alderman (4), John Sloggem (3)

COCKFOSTERS & N. SOUTHGATE – Jack Goulden (6), Vivienne Hoffman (resigned), Harry Kardo (6), Stanley Laufer (5), Peter Conway (3*)

CRICKLEWOOD – Michael Simmonds (5)

CROYDON – Stuart Arbisman (6)

DOLLIS HILL – Michael Brooke (10)

EALING – Dawn Shestopal (6)

EALING LIBERAL – Julian Kay (5)

EAST LONDON – Jack Michaels (3)

EAST LONDON CENTRAL – Henry Grunwald (5), Albert Rosenberg (3), David Cohen (5*)

EDGWARE ADATH YISROEL – Stuart Stern (9)

EDGWARE MASORTI – David Morgale (6)

EDGWARE REFORM – John Fransman (5), Victor Leigh (8), Roger Morris (5), Mitchell Wax (4), Henry Tobe (4*)

EDGWARE UNITED – Herbert Frank (5), Brian Gordon (5), Danny Handler (7), Jenny Perlmutter (8), Louis Starr (8)

ENFIELD & WINCHMORE HILL – Stephen Raymond (3)

FIELDGATE STREET GREAT – Jack Gayer (4), Ivan Grossman (5)

FINCHLEY CENTRAL – Paul Westbrook (3)

FINCHLEY PROGRESSIVE – Renzo Fantoni (10), David Pelham (Resigned), Paul Silver-Myer (1*)

FINCHLEY REFORM – Mrs. Jennifer Sampson (9), John Shaw (7)

FINCHLEY UNITED – Joseph Cohen (7), Michael Goldblatt (7), Edmund Goldstein (5), Manuel Rabstein (5), Sidney Shipton (8)

FINSBURY PARK – Andrew Besser (6)

GOLDERS GREEN – Nancie Craig (8), Dr. Laurance Jacobs (8), Michael Martin (6)

GREAT GARDEN STREET – Osias Findling (4), Isaac Rubin (8)

GREENFORD – Edmond Stekel (4*)

HACKNEY – Harry Greenstein (2), Ben Weinberg (0)

HAMMERSMITH AND WEST KENSINGTON – David Arram (8)

HAMPSTEAD – Michael Gee (6), N. Geller (3), Jerry Lewis (9)

HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB – Zina Cohen (7), Stanley Frankfurt (6), Cynthia Taub (6), Devora Wineman (9)

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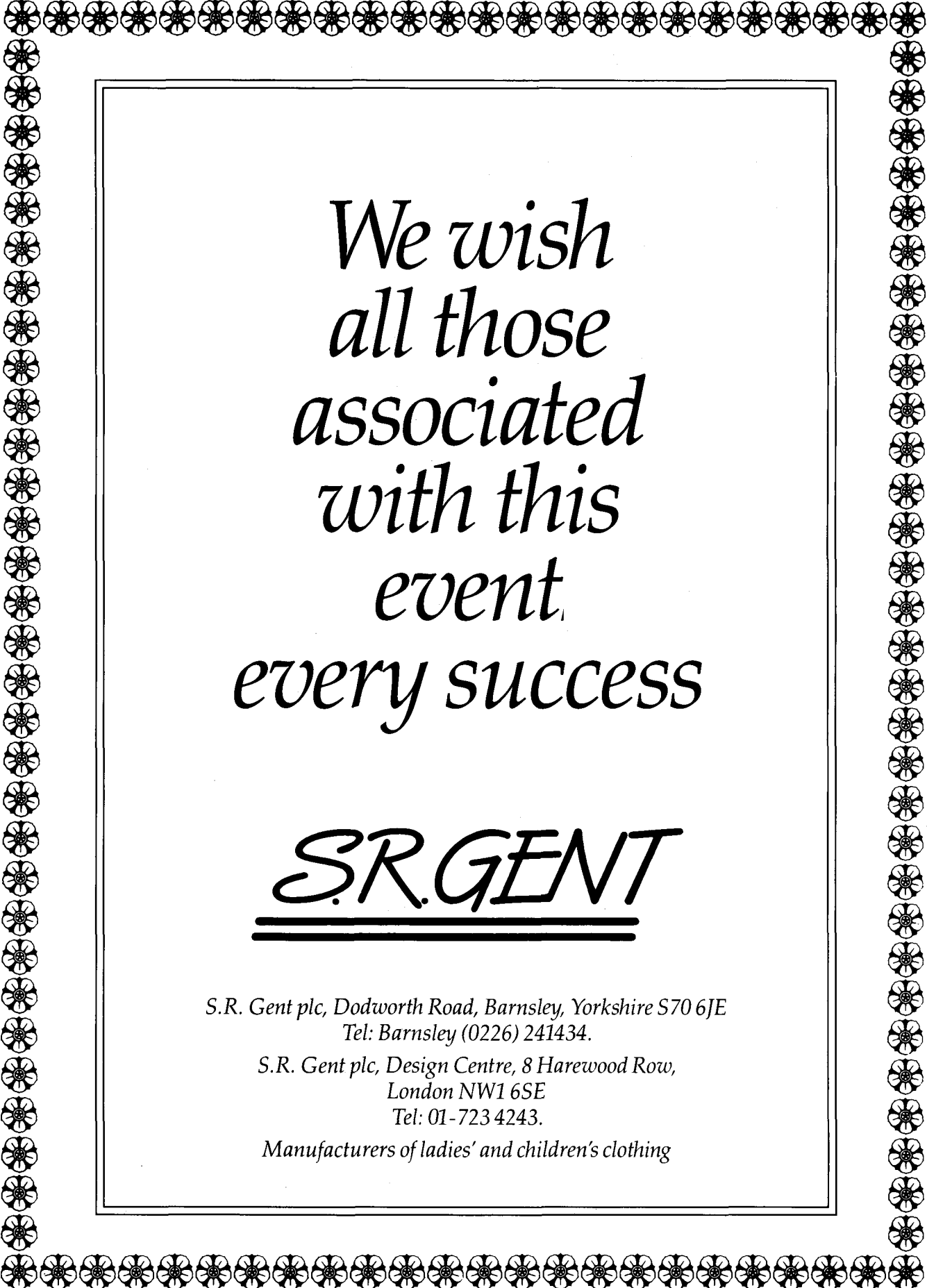
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