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Crisis Budget Of \$29 Million Set for 1973

The National Conference of the American ORT Federation, meeting January 20-21 in New York City, celebrated the 25th anniversary of Israel and of ORT in Israel by pledging support to the largest program in ORT's history.

Projections for 1973, as presented to the Conference by Dr. William Haber, President, call for service to 70,000 youth and adults at ORT educational and skill training operations in 24 countries.

50,000 Students

Close to 50,000 ORT students are expected to enroll in Israel at the ORT technical schools, with top priority going to the challenge of absorption of recently arrived immigrants from the Soviet Union.

To fund these programs the more than 750 delegates representing ORT organizations throughout the U.S. projected a budget of almost \$29 million.

The ORT principle of fostering

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Vanishing Half-Million

Dollar devaluation has cut deeply into ORT resources. That foreboding consequence was evident immediately after the event. Not until the dust settles will the full degree of damage be known. Preliminary estimates indicate a minimum loss of \$350,000, which may rise to \$500,000 or more.

"We may be facing a cruel dilemma," declared Dr. Haber, "where the only options left are not whether—but where—to cut. Schools are not readily subject to retrenchment, as may be the case, for example, with feeding programs. The very effectiveness of an educational institution depends on its stability. It is more possible to cut calories and clothing than classes. Reducing education is like calling a moratorium on the future of youth. It will not happen, if the friends of ORT respond."

The Double Anniversary

by Dr. William Haber



* This year marks the double anniversary of the twenty-fifth year of Israel and the twenty-fifth year of ORT in Israel.

Within the lifespan of every person in this room and especially in the last quarter-century, the meaning of Jewish identity has been entirely transformed. For millions whose identity has been loosened by involvement in other affairs, the great events of May 14, 1948, and the never-to-be-forgotten days of June 1967, rekindled the Jewish people in all lands as nothing else had done in two thousand years.

I recall the first ORT school in Israel in a partly demolished factory in Jaffa. The students were demobilized soldiers and a whole ORT school transplanted lock, stock and barrel from Sofia, Bulgaria, students and teachers, all brought over together. Now, twenty-five years later, Jaffa ORT is no more, having been replaced by that amazingly impressive institution, the ORT Syngalowski Center, which our Women's American ORT had such an important role in creating.

Statistical Measure of Quarter-Century

ORT Israel today is a network that stretches across the whole map of the country, numbering some eighty schools. There are 46,000 students in them. The 25 year achievement is large. Of Israel's labor force of 1,100,000, about 200,000 were served by ORT in Israel, but also in Morocco, Tunis, Algeria, Iran, the D.P. camps of Europe and in other places.

Israel's biggest domestic problem is the oriental community, "the two Israels," western and eastern, those who came from developed lands and those who came from pre-industrial societies.

ORT is levelling the walls that separate them. Sixty-two percent of the 46,000 students in the ORT schools in Israel are of Asian or African origin. That is the statistical measure of what ORT is doing for the abolition of the "two Israels."

I should not like to leave the impression that ORT is exclusively Israel-oriented. It is an international organization. It covers the whole geography of Jewish need, wherever it exists. That international character is not only good for Jews, it is good for Israel. And the future lies with Israel.

* From conference address.

Critical Budget...

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community self-help and local participation to the maximum extent possible is expressed in the reality that \$19 million of that \$29 million will be produced in the communities served by ORT, including Israel.

Of the \$10 million balance, about \$1.6 million is expected from ORT organizations in Britain, Canada, Switzerland and others; and the rest from the U.S. The American contribution includes \$2,950,000 from the JDC, out of UJA income, \$2,575,000 from Women's American ORT, and a minimum of \$500,000 from men's chapters and groups such as American Labor ORT, Business and Professional ORT and National ORT League, and other sources.

Israel Expenditures

In line with its dimension as by far the biggest ORT operation, \$16.5 million will be expended in Israel. As the pivotal program for the integration of the younger generation of some 350,000 refugees and repatriates from North Africa who have entered the French Jewish community in the last decade, French ORT will require nearly \$7 million in 1973.

Noting that ORT is subjected to the rising costs of education that prevails universally, plus inflation in practically all countries of operation and obligatory raises in teacher salaries, Dr. Haber termed the \$29 million figure "a crisis budget, burdened by deficits of over \$300,000, to which should be added over \$1,600,000 of unmet needs."

Missing Students

"It would be frightful if ORT were compelled to translate the funds that are missing into missing students and teachers," Dr. Haber stated.

The spotlight of the National Conference was on the absorption of Russian newcomers to Israel. The top flight battery of experts who focused on this emergency priority included Shlomo Shohan, who reached Israel a year ago from Russia, where he had been jailed and tormented for years for trying to leave, and is now a teacher at the ORT school in Givatayim; Director General of the Israel Ministry of Education, Elad Pelled; Consul

From the White House

The Fifty-First Annual Conference of the American ORT Federation gives me the opportunity to express my continuing admiration for your useful and compassionate work.

Your organization's long and inspiring history of helping disadvantaged citizens in nations throughout the world to participate more fully and productively in the life of their societies has earned you the respect and gratitude of men and women everywhere. Your productive association with the Agency for International Development continues to be gratifying to me personally and to all United States citizens.

I warmly applaud your sustained humanitarian accomplishments and recognize in the spirit that motivates them an example for all to imitate.

Richard Nixon

"I Know You Well" — Golda Meir

It gives me great pleasure to greet your 51st Annual National Conference as you celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the State of Israel and 25 Years of ORT Israel. American ORT Federation has constantly associated itself with the rebuilding of the homeland through tireless efforts of providing vocational and technical education to Israel's sons and daughters. I know you well, so I am sure that rededication and increased commitment to stand up to the challenges ahead will come.

With you we look forward to a time of progress and development in which ORT will play a significant role. From Jerusalem we send warm greetings to all of you who have come tonight to renew the pledge to see Israel ever progressing and developing.

Golda Meir

Minister of Education Speaks

The 25 year old ORT educational tradition of high standards in Israel has contributed greatly to vocational training and the country's economic progress. For people coming from many cultures and development stages ORT's activities help forge unity and raise human dignity among our young citizenry. Israel's people and government salute you on this festive occasion which will surely inspire you to still greater dedication and service in furthering the interests of a healthy Jewish people.

Yigal Allon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education

"The Essential Source" — Almogi

Today 25 years after the establishment of the State, which are also 25 years of ORT's Israel activities, we understand a great deal better that the State's economic position, its ability to absorb immigration and its security are bound up with its technological development.

The paucity of our natural resources and the limited agricultural areas make our people's technological ability the essential source of the State's strength and the fact that the leaders of ORT understood this and did so much from the very first days of the State is a signal honour to ORT.

Joseph Almogi, Minister of Labor

Yoshua Pratt; and Ambassador Yakov Avnon, new Director of the Israel Education Fund.

Voice of Our Times

To a hushed and intent audience that hung on his every word, Mr. Shohan said: "It is very difficult to adjust to freedom after decades of totalitarianism. It is hard to accept the freedom—the right without punishment—to speak openly. Fifty years of communism makes you naturally afraid even of small, every day things. You develop an inferiority complex about yourself . . . it will take a generation to tear all that away. . . . In ORT, I found welcome as if at a family reunion. I am among the first group of Russian Jewish professionals who now work in the ORT schools. I am convinced that absorption of the professional immigrant is the key."

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the ORT PROGRAM TODAY



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- Kinds of programs

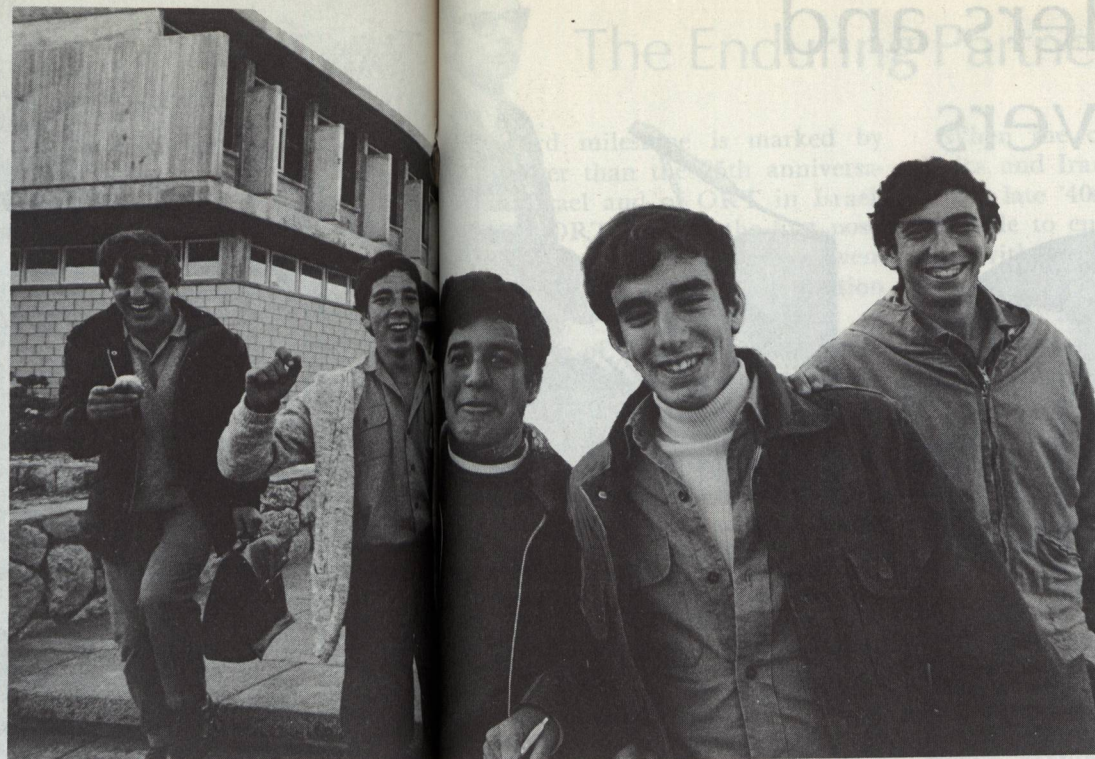
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COUNTRY*	TRAINEES AND TEACHING STAFF			High School and Post- Secondary	Adult Services	Primary School Industrial Arts	Apprentice Plans
	Total Enrollment	Teaching Staff	Training Units				
Argentina	4,352	76	39	976	466	2,910	
Austria	104	2	2		104		
Brazil	787	29	18	149	368	270	
France	5,691	253	117	2,450	2,419		822
India	526	31	11	346	12	168	
Iran	3,292	98	52	1,266	39	1,987	
Israel	45,174	2,159	360	30,422	9,487		5,265
Italy	3,076	68	61	459	1,559	1,058	
Morocco	1,727	51	30	897	89	406	335
Tunisia	149	8	4	82	16		51
Uruguay	589	60	17	194	395		
U.S.A.	333	5	5		333		
Venezuela	599	6	3			599	
Switzerland Central Institute	177	12	5	127	50		
TOTAL	66,576	2,858	724	37,368	15,337	7,398	6,473

*To this listing should be added scholarship programs for Jewish youth in Greece, scholarship and guidance programs for Jewish youth in South Africa and other unlisted services, as well as technical assistance projects in Argentina, Chad, Chile, Gabon, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Zaire (Congo) and others.

The Meaning of Israel

by Dr. Bernard Cherrick
Vice-President of
The Hebrew University



School's outside the Jeannette Gay ORT Apprenticeship Center in Haifa at day's end

A FEW WEEKS AGO IN the home of the President of the State of Israel, a cross-section of the leadership of the State of Israel gathered to assess the meaning of the 25th anniversary of Israel. What kind of saga have we lived, what is the meaning of what was done, and undone?

There are deeds of this past twenty-five years of which we can be proud, of the people brought in, of a population of under six hundred and fifty thousand which has grown to almost three million Jews, of new kibbutzim and new agricultural settlements of all kinds, of cities that have been developed, in cities that did not exist before—of an Arad, Ashkelon and Dimona. Today they are living and thriving centers in many of which you have direct associations with your ORT work.

The Lost and the Dreams

Reminiscences recall sadness as well. There are many who were with us at the beginning of the struggle who are no longer with us—a Weitzmann, a Sharrett. There are those whose lives were cut down even before they began, ORT teachers and students among them.

There are dreams and projects and hopes that we would like to have realized. We would like to have had by now peace with our neighbors, but we have not achieved it, through no fault of our own.

We would like to be accepted in the family of nations as an equal and not find ourselves each time the Assembly of the United Nations meets almost one alone against the rest of the world, our friends often standing neutral, on the sideline, and often many of our semi-friends ranged against us.

We would have abolished poverty, backwardness, inequality, educational discrepancies in our Israeli midst, but alas, we could not, not until now. But we will persist.

We would have wanted to assure a useful future to all

our youth, but there remain too many who are not reached. We look to ORT to help bring them into the fold, to eliminate the blight that clouds their years, not ORT alone, but in concert with all of us.

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I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, that the standard by which we will be judged is immigration. We created the State for that reason.

The *yishuv* was there before it was a State in order to take in those Jews who needed to come. Britain refused to let them in, so we went into an unequal and impossible war twenty-five years ago and we won.

We have fought a succession of wars since then in order to keep open the gates of the one country which is ready to take in unlimited numbers of Jews who need or who want to come there.

The Roll of Decades

The challenge of the late '40s was a challenge to defend the embryonic state, then in the process of being created.

The Arabs tried to destroy us at birth; they failed. The '40s meant Cyprus and the D.P. camps, where ORT played its role of human salvation—but which the rest of the world was ready to leave behind to rot rather than take into their countries. But we took them in.

In the decade of the '50s, there was the massive oriental immigration from the Arab countries—Iraq, Yemen, North Africa.

Look at what would have happened and look at what is happening to the handful of Jews in Iraq and Syria who are strung up and tortured. That's what would have been the fate of tens of thousands had we not hurried, if we hesitated, postponed until the funds were available.

The tide continued in the '60s—immigration from some

of the communities behind the Iron Curtain—Poland, Rumania, more Jews from Morocco, Tunisia, the rolling up of huge segments of the diaspora.

Now we are into the first years of the '70s. and together . . . you and we . . . are facing not only the anniversaries of the past, but an attempt to live with today, and to anticipate tomorrow.

Challenge Without End

The challenge of the '70s—and I think it will continue throughout this decade and after—is the challenge of Russian immigration, the miracle of our time. To my mind, it is a greater miracle than the establishment of the State of Israel. The State of Israel has more logic behind it than this miracle of fifty years of cutoff and suddenly joining together.

Israel exists to take them in. But to take them in is not the same as their coming out—to Vienna, to Lydda.

The greatest challenge of the '70s is the integration and absorption of the new immigrants, solidifying and making permanent and equal the absorption of the old immigrants.

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THE ORT SCHOOLS ARE useful and experienced tools in this painful human process; not only by what ORT does, but by the will and atmosphere with which you impart your services. Here is the challenge for ORT in Israel in the '70s.

For the moment allow me to separate myself from you. We—and now I am talking not just as myself as an Israeli but as an officer of the Hebrew University—and you, not just as American Jews who support Israel, but as leaders of ORT, as the people responsible for ORT's activities

in this country—we must work on this together, or it will not happen.

There are no natural resources to speak of in Israel. If we are going to build an economy in Israel, it won't be on gold, coal or oil, none of which we have. It will be built on what our brains will do in the laboratories of physics, chemistry, life sciences at our universities and in our industries.

Even then, it will work only as their scientific discoveries are fortified, and extended for general use, by the skilled technicians that you train in your ORT schools. Your graduates will process and convert their imaginative conceptions into products which Israel can market. The question of training manpower, therefore, holds the key to exporting the results of our brainpower.

Brainpower Plus Equal Opportunity

The technicians that ORT trains, and the scientists that we train, working cooperative—this team is central to developing a modern economy. It is equally crucial to the solving of one of Israel's greatest internal problems—the two Israels—Sephardic, Ashkenazi, orientals and western, whatever term you use. The problem has been exaggerated, but let us not close our eyes to its potential danger.

So far as Israel is concerned, the standard for any youngster—the totality of the entire youth generation—not just the privileged—has to become a sort of "natural right" so that he can, if he is so bent, attend an ORT school.

A certain proportion have to be brought up to matriculation levels so as to be able to enter the University and be able to carve out a life as skilled technicians, scientists, leaders. All should be able to find their level. This is the way Israel will dissolve the problem of two Israels.

Joint Venture Into the Future

It is not by accident that the Hebrew University has set aside ground on its Givat Ram campus in Jerusalem for the establishment of an ORT School of Engineering. It is deliberate that in recent years ORT has moved more and more in its schools to a new emphasis on higher electronics, on automation, on all the sophisticated fields which are the characteristics of scientific, skilled technical development of the '70s and onwards. And, in this same time, the university has moved toward technology.

ORT is training people in terms of what Israel needs. For the school which will be created on our Givat Ram campus we will work together—University and ORT. Hopefully, we at the University will absorb many of the students whom you will train in the ORT schools. These are the elements of the grand design.

An American who had settled in Israel many years ago once said: "Do not be dismayed when the projects seem massive and ambitious. Tackle the problems with confidence and courage." The ORT programs have, and should have, even greater and more ambitious projects that you are undertaking and that you will undertake.

Don't be dismayed if your undertakings demand greater efforts or greater funds. You and we together, as part of the Jewish people, will tackle the problems that face us in the decade of the '70s and beyond with courage and confidence.

1973 Leaders and Achievers



We are the people of the Book. And since that is the case, it is the reason for ORT. We identify with ORT because it provides an educational experience of a kind, and to segments of our youth in faraway lands that nobody else is caring for... We have seen many generals and cabinet ministers through our UJA and community activities. We tend to forget the young craftsman who sewed the general's uniform or who installed the cabinet minister's home electricity. But ORT does not forget or overlook them. Neither should we.

— Leonard Bell of Boston in Keynote Address.

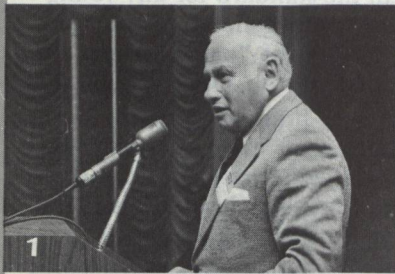


Dr. Roland Moskowitz (right), President of Cleveland Men's ORT is designated 1973 ORT Man of the Year. Presentation made by Norman Klein, President of Chicago Men's ORT and 1972 awardee.

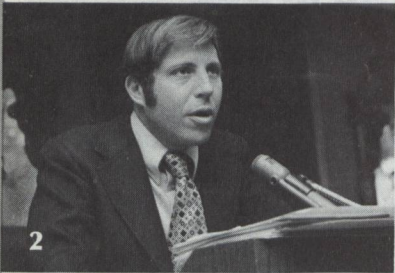


Survival and ORT are synonymous. Without one, the other would be lacking for countless tens of thousands... We began this Conference with a Sabbath Service. Let us end it by dedicating ourselves to human needs, which are Jewish needs.

— Bernard Natkow of South Bend, Conference Planning Committee Chairman.



1. Harry H. Platt of Detroit, Chairman, National Organization Committee, opening the Organization Session.



2. Robert Sill of Cleveland, Chairman of the Opening Session.



3. Myer Freyman, founder and President of Washington Men's ORT receives 1973 Achievement Award from Dr. Harry Epstein of Atlanta, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the National Rabbinic ORT Committee.



4. Samuel Simmer of Detroit, number one 1973 ORT Israel Scholarship contributor, a traditional position he has had for years, receiving his Scholarship Scroll from Dr. B. B. Caplan of Columbus, Ohio.



5. Charles Moskowitz, founder and first President of Charleston, South Carolina Men's ORT, is recipient of 1973 National Achievement Award.



6. Mrs. Samuel Rubert accepting the Memorial Menorah in memory of Dr. Samuel Rubert, who was President of Chicago Men's ORT and National Scholarship Chairman. Son Mark Rubert is beside her. The family is perpetuating his name by contributing the Dr. Samuel Rubert Dispensary under construction at the ORT School of Engineering in Jerusalem.



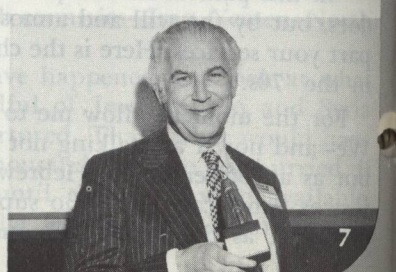
7. 1973 Founders Award is received by Jerome Schulman, founder and first President of Chicago Men's ORT.



8. Jerome Brody, President of Miami Beach Men's ORT receiving from Dr. Epstein, the Special Gifts Award for his support to ORT Israel's Operation Salvage for student dropouts.



9. Bruce B. Teicholz (left), newly designated President of the National ORT League, receives the Presidents' Pin from National Organization Director Morris Talansky.



10. Pledge Plus Award is granted to Plumbing Industry Chapter, New York, and is here received by Victor Plavin (left) and Morris Olshina.

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The Enduring Partnership

A third milestone is marked by 1973, other than the 25th anniversaries of Israel and of ORT in Israel. In 1947, ORT reached the first post-war agreement for annual subventions from the Joint Distribution Committee.

The core of ORT activities at that time was in the DP camps of Germany, Austria and Italy, plus service to survivors outside of camps in France, Switzerland, etc. and for reconstituted communities of eastern Europe during these few years before the Iron Curtain descended.

First Pact

The first pact with JDC granted ORT \$2 million. The JDC contract marked a new funding policy for the American ORT Federation. It was to affect its position in the American Jewish community and its organizational structure and activities for the next quarter century, to the present.

It was the greatest single step toward reconstituting ORT as a viable program, set a floor under its financing, gave it sinew to perform its tasks.

WE OF THE JDC and you of the ORT, both of us together, have shared and continue to share a role in Jewish life. In more ways than I have time to relate, your work of serving generations of Jewish youth has been possible, particularly in such communities as Morocco, Tunisia, India, Iran, and now in South America, because JDC's work in these very same areas, through its support of programs of education, both secular and religious, through its medical and feeding programs, and a wide variety of activities, has raised a generation capable of participation in the ORT programs.

It is therefore my overwhelming impression that JDC and ORT have together been, each with its own expertise and its own way of work, a combined liberating and modernizing task force in Jewish life these last twenty-five years.

Samuel Haber

Executive Vice-President
Joint Distribution Committee
From his remarks at the
January National Conference

When the communities of North Africa and Iran were "re-discovered" in the late '40s and early '50s, ORT was able to enter these areas in tandem with JDC, as a joint attack on the poverty and backwardness. In 1953, JDC agreed to extend its subventions to include the still nascent but fast burgeoning programs of ORT in Israel, and has remained a major factor in a development that has raised ORT-Israel into the great resource for the nation's skilled manpower.

Historic

Relationships between ORT and JDC actually go back to the early '20s. But it is only in this last 25 years that the intimacy of purpose, program and people has intertwined into an enduring partnership at every level.

The annually renewed agreements with JDC between 1947 and 1972 inclusive have made available to ORT a total of \$46,028,000. The National Conference in January endorsed the latest understanding by which ORT is to receive \$2,950,000 from JDC during 1973, out of United Jewish Appeal funds. The basic funding policy of the American ORT Federation and its affiliates, as now foreseen, remains faithful to this partnership principle.

Progress in Legacy Program

The idea of legacies for ORT became a reality eleven years ago. A National Legacy Committee, under the Chairmanship of John F. Davidson, was established as the vehicle to promote the concept of an enduring link with the future of the Jewish people through bequests to ORT, written into wills.

Progress Report

This program has brought to the American ORT Federation \$1,500,000 since 1961, reported Mr. Davidson to the January National Conference. In 1972, he noted, 45 legacies and grants totalled \$95,000. To these should be added trust agreements which bring the total for last year to about \$125,000.

The legacy operation will enter a more dynamic phase in the next period through acquisition of the services of Hyman Wachtel, a veteran of

Men's Chapters Set Peak Goals

The largest and the most representative assembly of men's chapter leadership across the country, meeting at the Organization Sessions of the National Conference in January, adopted an entire range of strategies to develop men's ORT at a faster pace at the grass roots community level.

After receiving a report on 1973 ORT needs from Paul Bernick, Executive Director, delegates pledged for their individual chapters a total of \$500,000, up from \$440,000 last year.

Men's chapters last year passed a membership milestone, recording 25,000 adherents nation-wide. There are now 59 such groupings in the rapidly expanding network of men's ORT organization. Affiliation with the National Rabbinic ORT Committee doubled last year to over 200 rabbis.

Dues Change

The organization conclave voted to change the dues structure, the first such move in 25 years, offering three kinds of membership ranging from \$25, \$35 to \$50, the change depending on local action.

Harry H. Platt of Detroit was elected National Organization Chairman, seconded by Norman Klein of Chicago and Dr. Roland Moskowitz of Cleveland as co-chairmen.

the JDC and a host of other assignments in the field of overseas Jewish philanthropy. He is on loan from the World ORT Union.

The most effective ORT legacy program is conducted by Women's American ORT. Several chapters have incorporated legacies as regular functions and have designated Legacy Chairman for that responsibility. Mr. Davidson cited chapters in New Haven and Chicago as having taken this step, and the American and European Friends of ORT and San Francisco Men's ORT for exceptional effectiveness in their legacy efforts.

He noted an increased interest in many parts of the country in the possibility of legacies for ORT and urged that chapters become cognizant of this potential. Bequests are deductible under estate tax sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Second Miracle

By Dr. Jacob Goldberg

Our generation is witness to two miracles, two historic processes which are difficult to explain in logical terms alone.

The establishment of the State of Israel—and its three military victories within nineteen years—is one of these miracles. The rescue of thousands of our people from the darkness of a half-century of spiritual strangulation in Soviet Russia and their redirection into free and useful lives in Israel is the second miracle.

While the first is dramatic and quickly appeals to our sense of fulfillment, the second is more subtle, and requires more patience to appreciate. But both are crucial events in the stream of the historic Jewish process.

The Long Pull

The essential understanding that we must reach if we are to deeply comprehend the Soviet Jewry issue is that the problems are not solvable by quick or dramatic means, as a military problem might be.

Those of us who wish to help the Jewish people survive must accept the responsibility of the "long pull." We must appreciate the double role of constant pressure upon the Soviet authorities to release Jews without ransom, and the on-going demands upon us to provide money to house, retrain, educate and integrate the new Russian olim.

The problems of absorption are real and many. Despite the more than 16,000 apartments that have been built for *olim* in 1972, housing was insufficient and it was necessary to purchase 700 additional house trailer units as a temporary answer.

Multiple Strategies

Ulpanim and re-training centers are in full swing in every part of the country, and social services and employment counselors are kept busy. Forty courses for retraining in technical specialties have been established, many operated by ORT. Even the special problems of absorbing Russian doctors and dentists, whose standards and operative methods are mark-

edly different from those of Israel, are being slowly solved.

Personal Adjustments

Still, the long-term nature of Israel's efforts for Russian Jews is further indicated by studies undertaken by the Ministry of Absorption. Within two years of their arrival in Israel, over 82 percent of the immigrants found suitable apartments and employment in the field of their experience. An additional percentage were re-trained to find positions in new fields. It takes two years for the absorption process just to take hold.

Every *oleh* has personal adjustments to make and individual and cultural re-orientation to work through. Each *oleh* has to go through a "mourning period," a time during which he comes to accept the loss of his former familiar surroundings and becomes optimistic enough to face the future with the requisite courage and resilience.

Living Documents

The miraculous factor in this whole story is the miracle of human courage and endurance demonstrated by the Russian Jews themselves. Listening to their stories makes all of our sacrifices pale into insignificance.

All over Israel today, there are people whose life stories are stranger than fiction. These are the people we are helping, by example, to enrich the courage and endurance and strength of other Jews in Israel and in the Soviet Union.

The Kremlin was goaded into the desperate act of imposing the infa-

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mous head tax and has earned the condemnation of the liberal and freedom-loving voices of the world. So the battle proceeds—move and counter-move—all initiated by a few courageous Jews.

New Hope

When the new immigrants join the older settlers, both will gain new hope and vigor. Indeed, this is the true integration of Russian *olim* that we should hope for—not a static absorption of newcomers into a society, but dynamic interaction between two elements which are equally vibrant and dedicated to the best of Jewish tradition, cognizant of the science and technology of Western society, and fueled by the sense of purpose and heroic strength of the Russian fighters for freedom.

Perhaps this is the ultimate miracle, the one that all of us who work for Soviet Jewry are privileged to stimulate.

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