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Ms. Betsy Simon  
Office of Public Liason  
The White House  
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Dear Betsy:

Enclosed please find the photographs from  
the meeting between the Vice President and  
members of the Presidium of the World Conference  
on Soviet Jewry, with identification of the  
delegation members.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

David A. Harris, Director  
Washington Office

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# 'Next Year in Jerusalem'

In March and April, during interrogation, the chief investigators warned me that in the position I have taken during investigation, and held to here in court, I would be threatened with execution by firing squad, or at least 15 years. If I would agree to cooperate with the investigation for the purpose of destroying the Jewish emigration movement, they promised me early freedom and a quick reunion with my wife.

Five years ago, I submitted my application for exit to Israel. Now I'm further than ever from my dream. It would seem to be cause for regret. But it is absolutely otherwise. I am happy. I am happy that I lived honestly, in peace with my conscience. I never compromised my soul, even under the threat of death.

I am happy that I helped people. I am proud that I knew and worked with such honest, brave and courageous people as Sakharov, Orlov, Ginzburg, who are carrying on the traditions of the Russian intelligentsia. I am fortunate to have been witness to the process of the liberation of Jews of the U.S.S.R.

I hope that the absurd accusation against me and the entire Jewish emigration movement will not hinder the liberation of my people. My near ones and friends know how I wanted to exchange activity in the emigration movement for a life with my wife, Avital, in Israel

For more than 2,000 years the Jewish people, my people, have been dispersed. But wherever they are, wherever Jews are found, every year they have repeated, "Next year in Jerusalem." Now, when I am further than ever from my people, from Avital, facing many arduous years of imprisonment, I say, turning to my people, my Avital: Next year in Jerusalem.

Now, I turn to you, the court, who were required to confirm a predetermined sentence: to you I have nothing to say.

Anatoly B. Shcharansky  
Moscow — July 14, 1978



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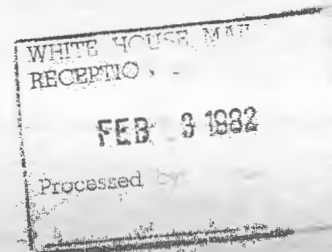
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**Policy Conference  
May 16-18, 1982**



WASHINGTON D.C.

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Please detach and return this portion with your check made payable to:  
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10 East 40th Street, Suite 907, New York, New York 10016

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## FROM THE USSR:

### PURIM DISRUPTED BY SOVIET POLICE

USSR -- Leningrad activist MIKHAIL ELMAN was taken into custody, threatened with arrest for alleged "malicious hooliganism" and then released with a ten-ruble fine as a participant in various Purimspiels in Leningrad.

The festivities were planned for Purim at several apartments scattered throughout the city. Soviet police barricaded the flats prior to the Purim celebrations and prohibited entry into the apartments, thus halting the Jewish celebrations.

A Purim program especially for children was held at a location different from any previously chosen by the activists. For those who arrived at the children's Purimspiel early, the festival went on uninterrupted. However, for those who arrived later, they were greeted by Soviet police who, once again, barricaded the entrance.

Efforts to prevent Purim celebrations swept Leningrad as early as mid-February in an attempt to curtail even preparations for the holiday. The ZELICHONOKS, ROALD and GALINA, were threatened by police last month and ordered not to organize Purim observances. Following a raid of their residence, the police also warned Roald to discontinue Hebrew instruction.

FELIKS KOCHUBIEVSKY of Novosibirsk received severe threats as the authorities burst into his flat and demanded that he not hold traditional Purim festivities.

In an effort to engage in the rituals and customs of Judaism, Soviet Jews continuously seek out different locations where they can safely celebrate, pray and study. They must constantly dodge the authorities, who have waged a full-scale campaign to intercept the growth of Judaism in the USSR.

# D.C. DIGEST:

## VICE PRESIDENT CITES NCSJ IN MAJOR SPEECH

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Vice President George Bush, referring to a January meeting with Soviet Jewry experts, told 1,500 young Jewish leaders: "I met not long ago with top officials of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Leon Dulzin (Jewish Agency) told me that Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union in the last several months has only amounted to "a trickle." And he said he thought the time was ripe to speak out on it." The statement came during Mr. Bush's address to the Third National United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership Conference, held March 14-16.

The Vice President reiterated pledges for executive branch support of Soviet Jewry efforts and stated "we're trying to get the Soviet Union to live up to its commitment. Under the terms of the Helsinki Accords, the Soviet Union promised to provide for the free movement of people for the reunification of families. But that promise has not been fulfilled."

He made specific reference to the Administration's initiatives on behalf of POC Anatoly Shcharansky, and said ". . .what is being done to Jews in the Soviet Union probably constitutes the most grievous form of anti-Semitism in the world today."

The Conference, convened by the United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership Cabinet, drew participants from across the U. S. to the nation's capitol for three days of intensive discussion and evaluation of Jewish issues. Representatives heard from top level spokespersons from major Jewish organizations, among them NCSJ Washington Office Director David Harris, as well as Senators, Congressmen and human rights leaders. Harris headlined a special Soviet Jewry session and updated the group on factors affecting the status of Soviet Jews as emigration slows to a trickle and unjust punishments of Jews rise.

## FIRST-TERMERS OFFICIALLY LAUNCH ADVOCACY GROUP

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The 97th Congressional Class for Soviet Jewry, which has grown to thirty-eight members, held its kickoff event on March 16 on Capitol Hill.

The gathering was attended by the first-termers and their aides, along with NCSJ leadership and several guest speakers. Co-Chairing the special group are Reps. William Coyne (D-Pa.) and Christopher Smith (R-N.J.). Smith relayed experiences of his January trip to the Soviet Union, when he met with refusenik families, many of whom have been "adopted" by the freshman reps.

State Department Soviet desk official, Lee Nesbit, discussed US-Soviet relations and their impact on the Soviet Jewish minority. As Director of the NCSJ's Washington Office, David Harris commented on NCSJ's interaction with the Reagan Administration.

Harris's remarks paved the way for Alex Goldfarb, a former refusenik who lives in Israel and is currently on a national tour to help dramatize the plight of his family, which still remains in Moscow, as well as the hardships suffered by all Jews who seek to emigrate to Israel.

The newest members of the 97th Congressional Class for Soviet Jewry are Reps. Lynn Martin (R-Ill.), Claudine Schneider (R-R.I.) and Robert Shamansky (D-Oh.) (see Press Service, March 12, 1982).

#### ELECTED OFFICIAL HEARTILY ENDORSES PETITION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator George Mitchell (D-Me.) and his entire Washington staff signed the international petition to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, which calls upon the Soviet Union to reverse its anti-Semitic emigration policy and actions.

According to Mitchell, "while Congressional attention to individual cases of cause is vital, our leaders also must publicly focus on the larger policy problems which the current disturbing Soviet emigration figures reflect." (Emigration figures for the first half of March show little deviation from the slow trickle of previous months.)

The Senator's open support of the Administration's action on behalf of Soviet Jews -- support which echoes a general trend among elected officials -- was sparked by his concern for the welfare of Soviet Jews as well as the preservation of human rights assured in previously signed international agreements.

"I am pleased to sign this important petition which calls on the Soviet Union to address the needs of those in their country who, for religious and personal reasons, seek to emigrate," he stated.

## FROM THE USA:

#### SHCHARANSKY SUPPORT BOOMS ON WEST COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. -- Continuing efforts on behalf of prisoner ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY include San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein's recent proclamation that urged all those who respect freedom to impress upon Soviet leadership Shcharansky's right to live freely with his family in Israel.

California State Senator David Roberti (D) marked the fifth anniversary of Shcharansky's arrest, March 15, and introduced into the State Senate a joint resolution requesting Shcharansky's immediate release. Roberti stated that the prisoner's "only crime was his unflinching defense of human rights for Jews. . ."

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## FROM THE WEST:

### US, ISRAEL CONDEMN SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

GENEVA, Switzerland -- In a written statement presented to the United Nations Human Rights Commission by Jacob Stein, former special advisor to President Reagan, the United States delegation charged the Soviet Union with virtually destroying Jewish institutional life in the USSR and preventing millions of Jews from emigrating to Israel to join their families.

The head of Israel's delegation, Ambassador Ovadia Soffer, delivered equally powerful remarks and charged Soviet leaders with nurturing anti-Semitism. Soffer stressed that Soviet Jews are hostages to the "whims of the authorities who regularly subject them to all types of humiliation and harassment."

### BRITISH BACK CONDEMNATION OF SOVIET POLICY

LONDON, England -- The British delegation to the Madrid Review Conference, as well as the American delegation, regards the Soviet Union's blatant violations of the Helsinki Final Act and finds the authorities' outright mistreatment of Soviet Jews intolerable. According to Lord Trefargne, Britain's Deputy Foreign Minister, the British government "views with great concern the deteriorating status of Soviet Jews," and the Review Conference delegation has "drawn attention to the various forms of repression practiced by the Soviet authorities . . . and tabled specific proposals applying particularly to freedom of religious practice and family reunification." (The Madrid Review Conference will reconvene in November 1982).

### MULTI-FAITH DUTCH CAMPAIGN GATHERS RECORD SIGNATURES

HOLLAND -- Seven hundred and fifty-thousand signatures were collected by multi-faith Soviet Jewry and human rights advocates in one of the most extensive petition campaigns conducted in the Netherlands. The drive, part of the worldwide petition campaign to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, culminated in Holland recently with a public demonstration and cries for free Jewish emigration and an end to anti-Semitism that pervades Soviet society. The effort pooled the energies of Jews and Christians all over the country and incorporated imaginative multi-media programming techniques to spark interest and involvement.

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

The following refuseniks will celebrate their birthdays this month:

3/26 -- Tsilia Mendzhenitsky; 3/27 -- Mark Nashpitz; 3/29 -- Irina Lein; 3/31 -- Rosa Ioffe.



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August 12, 1982

Mr. Michael Gale

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Dear Michael:

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It is our earnest hope that a high-level Administration figure will come to Paris to address this important gathering. The presence of such a representative from the U.S. Government would not only signal this country's enduring commitment to the cause of Soviet Jewry, but would also send powerful messages to the Soviet Union, to Soviet Jews and to the international community.

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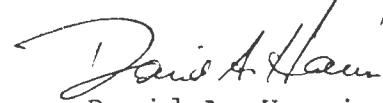
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With best wishes.

Sincerely,



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Director, NCSJ Washington  
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TO: MICHAEL GALE

FROM: *JUDY POND*  
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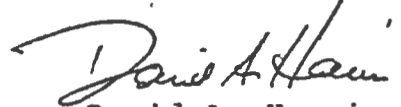
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August 12, 1982

Mr. Michael Gale

Office of the Public Liaison

Old Executive Office Bldg.

Washington, D.C. 20500

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It is our earnest hope that a high-level Administration figure will come to Paris to address this important gathering. The presence of such a representative from the U.S. Government would not only signal this country's enduring commitment to the cause of Soviet Jewry, but would also send powerful messages to the Soviet Union, to Soviet Jews and to the international community.

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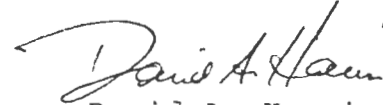
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Should you need additional information about the Conference, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



David A. Harris  
Director, NCSJ Washington  
Office

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 23, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

VIA: RED CAVANEY

FROM: MICHAEL R. GALE *M.R.G.*

SUBJECT: Secretary Shultz's forthcoming  
meeting with Soviet Foreign  
Minister Gromyko

Secretary of State Shultz is scheduled to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko later this month. As you know, former Secretary of State Haig in his three meetings with Gromyko from September, 1981 to January, 1982 raised Soviet Jewry each time, signaling the deep commitment of this Administration to the issue. I would like to recommend that you urge Secretary Shultz to continue that policy, particularly in light of what is in fact an ever worsening situation for Jews in the U.S.S.R.

Attached is a draft of a memo from you to Secretary Shultz.

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WASHINGTON

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THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ  
SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Forthcoming meeting with Soviet  
Foreign Minister Gromyko

As you know, former Secretary of State Haig in his three meetings with Gromyko from September, 1981 to January 1982 raised Soviet Jewry each time, signaling the deep commitment of this Administration to the issue.

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It would be very helpful in the following points could be raised in your meeting with the Soviet Foreign Minister:

1. Concern over the dramatic decline in Jewish emigration from a monthly rate in 1979 of 4,000 to a mere 200 to date.
2. Concern over the prisoners of conscience and the several long-term refuniks who have been waiting more than five years for an exit visa.
3. Concern over the growing harassment Jews seeking to leave. Disruption of religious and cultural self study efforts and on-going anti-semitism in the Soviet media and employment in university admittance.

It would be most helpful and greatly appreciated by the Jewish community and would further the Administration's outreach program to the Jewish community if the above points could be made at your forthcoming meeting.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Dole  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison



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September 17, 1982

Mr. Michael Gale  
Office of the Public Liaison  
Old Executive Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Michael:

With regard to the forthcoming meeting between Secretary of State Shultz and Foreign Minister Gromyko, I would suggest that the following points be raised:

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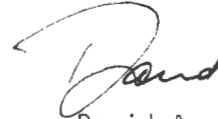


Michael Gale  
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Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David".

David A. Harris  
Director, NCSJ Washington  
Office

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**To: MICHAEL  
From: David A. Harris  
Director,  
Washington Office**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

# National Conference on Soviet Jewry

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN  
THEODORE R. MANN

December 10, 1982

The Honorable George P. Bush  
Vice President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President:

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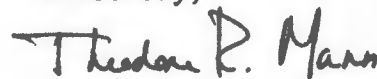
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Please have your office advise David Harris, Director of our Washington Office, of the likelihood of your attendance.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Theodore R. Mann

bcc: Michael Gale ✓



Mike:

In light of conversation with Ed Meese, is this final?

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time being it is  
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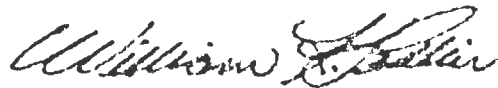
Dear Mr. Mann:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your letter of August 28, cosigned by five of your colleagues, regarding Soviet Jewish emigration.

Although your interest in meeting with the President is appreciated, unfortunately, due to the particularly heavy demands on his calendar during the coming weeks, we cannot foresee the time when we might add this appointment to his schedule. However, I am forwarding your letter to the appropriate office for further review.

With the best wishes of the President,

Sincerely,



WILLIAM K. SADLEIR  
Director, Presidential  
Appointments and Scheduling

Mr. Theodore R. Mann  
National Chairman  
National Conference on Soviet Jewry  
1711 Rittenhouse Square  
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October 11, 1982

Mr. Michael Gale  
Office to the Public Liaison  
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Dear Michael:

A word of thanks for your help on two important matters in recent weeks: 1) helping to arrange, at very short notice, the meeting between Robert McFarlane of the National Security Council and Avital Shcharansky, and 2) transmitting the hope of the Jewish community that the issue of Soviet Jewry would be addressed seriously at the meetings between Secretary of State Shultz and Foreign Minister Gromyko.

As always, it has been a pleasure to collaborate with you and to see in evidence yet again your deep commitment to Soviet Jewry.

Sincerely,

David A. Harris  
Director, NCSJ Washington  
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cc: Theodore R. Mann, NCSJ Chairman  
Jerry Goodman, NCSJ/New York

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# 'Next Year in Jerusalem'

In March and April, during interrogation, the chief investigators warned me that in the position I have taken during investigation, and held to here in court, I would be threatened with execution by firing squad, or at least 15 years. If I would agree to cooperate with the investigation for the purpose of destroying the Jewish emigration movement, they promised me early freedom and a quick reunion with my wife.

Five years ago, I submitted my application for exit to Israel. Now I'm further than ever from my dream. It would seem to be cause for regret. But it is absolutely otherwise. I am happy. I am happy that I lived honestly, in peace with my conscience. I never compromised my soul, even under the threat of death.

I am happy that I helped people. I am proud that I knew and worked with such honest, brave and courageous people as Sakharov, Orlov, Ginzburg, who are carrying on the traditions of the Russian Intelligentsia. I am fortunate to have been witness to the process of the liberation of Jews of the U.S.S.R.

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For more than 2,000 years the Jewish people, my people, have been dispersed. But wherever they are, wherever Jews are found, every year they have repeated, "Next year in Jerusalem." Now, when I am further than ever from my people, from Avital, facing many arduous years of imprisonment, I say, turning to my people, my Avital: Next year in Jerusalem.

Now, I turn to you, the court, who were required to confirm a predetermined sentence: to you I have nothing to say.

— Andy B. Shchoransky  
Moscow — July 14, 1978

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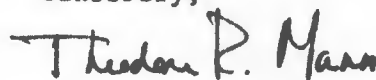
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Sincerely,

*Jennifer A. Fitzgerald*

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