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w/ embassy + state
Patty.*

Record Type: Record

To: Patricia Solis-Doyle/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Israel trip

I understand that the First Lady may go to Israel next month. I have received a few general inquiries and one specific request: the United Jewish Communities (formerly UJA) will have a major mission in Israel from June 24-27 and would love to see her there. It is a group of about 150 leaders from all over the country who are the head of their local fund raising efforts. Not knowing her plans, I did not confirm any details of her trip with them but told them I would pass on the information.

Please let me know to whom I should forward the information about the mission or feel free to call me with questions at 65157. Of course, if I can be helpful in any other capacity for the trip planning, I am at your disposal.

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F A C S I M I L E

June 9, 1999

Ms. Patty Solis-Doyle
Deputy Assistant to Mrs. Clinton

(202) 456-5340

Dear Ms. Solis-Doyle,

Norman Kaplan told me that he spoke to you with regard to Mrs. Clinton's upcoming trip to Israel. He mentioned in particular that Mrs. Clinton might be interested in visiting Zichron Menachem, our program in Jerusalem for children with cancer. In actuality, the Jerusalem Foundation supports two programs for children with cancer: one in a Jewish neighborhood, and the other in east Jerusalem for Arab children.

We would be delighted if Mrs. Clinton would visit one or both of these programs and would be pleased to make the necessary preparations. As it happens, I plan on being in Jerusalem from June 23-July 2, and if I can personally help in any way, please let me know.

For your information, the Jerusalem Foundation was established 32 years ago by Teddy Kollek when he first became mayor of Jerusalem. We are a non-sectarian, not for profit organization devoted to enhancing the quality of life for all the people of Jerusalem. The programs for children with cancer are but two of the 1500 worthwhile programs we support. If you would like more information, please let me know.

If you need to reach me please call me at the office at (212) 697-4188, or at my home,

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[001]

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sandra Rubin

Sandra Rubin
Executive Director

cc: Norman Kaplan

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Teddy Kollek

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June 10, 1999

Via Facsimile - +1.202.456-5340

Mrs. Hillary Clinton c/o
Ms. Patti Solis Doyle
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director of Scheduling and Advance for the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Following the communication between your office and Mr. Norman Kaplan regarding your upcoming trip to Jerusalem, I would like to formally extend an invitation to you and your daughter Chelsea to visit Zichron Menachem. This Jerusalem Foundation project assists and supports children suffering from cancer and their families. Zichron Menachem's programs reach out to children from all sectors of society regardless of their religious or social orientation - Jewish, Arab, Christian, religious and secular.

The work of Zichron Menachem is an outstanding example of Jerusalemites working peacefully together to aid those in need. It will be our pleasure to welcome you and show you this in person.

Respectfully, Sincerely yours,

Teddy Kollek
Teddy Kollek

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Ayelet Nahmias, Adv.

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[002]

Ms. Patti Solis Doyle
1st Lady's Staff
The White House

10 June 1999

Dear Ms. Solis Doyle,

Re: 1st Lady's visit to Israel - a meeting with Ms. Dalia Rabin-Pelossof, Member of Knesset

First let me introduce my self. I have been working with the Rabin Family for several years now. On their behalf I am heading an NGO called "Shalom Haver" for the commemoration of Yitzhak Rabin.

A few weeks ago, when we learned of the 1st Lady's visit to Israel, we turned to the American Embassy in Tel Aviv, requesting for a meeting between the 1st lady and Dalia Rabin-Pelossof, whom in the meanwhile was elected as member of Knesset.

Our request still stands and we would very much like to arrange the meeting.

If you could please let us know what the chances are and what is the frame of day and time, we would appreciate it very much.

My cellular phone is:

Dalia Rabin's phone numbers are:

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Thank you for your help,

Sincerely,

Ayelet Nahmias
Ayelet Nahmias, Adv.

THE WHITE HOUSE

June 8, 1999

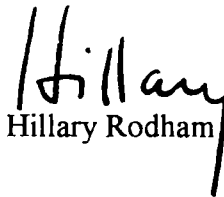
Ms. Leslie Jackson
Chihuly Studio
1111 NW 50th Street
Seattle, Washington 98107-5120

Dear Leslie:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and news of Dale's upcoming exhibit at the Tower of David Museum. It sounds very exciting and I appreciate your invitation to visit while I am in Jerusalem. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to my scheduling office for consideration. In the interim, good luck with the installation and give my best to Dale.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

✓ cc: Patti Solis Doyle
Director of Scheduling

*Evan - HRC wants
details on this.
She is interested.
Pam*

cc:
Jill Sulem

May 14, 1999

Dear Hillary

Greetings from Seattle!

We have thought of you so often since our last visit with you at the Boathouse. Everyone who saw and heard you that evening was inspired by your presence. The glassblowers were floating on air.

We understand that you may be in Jerusalem this June. As you may already know, we will also

be there installing a major project for the millennium

"Chihuly in the Light of Jerusalem 2000" which will occur at the Citadel or Tower of David Museum. We are sending you a full packet on the project.

I hope we will be able to show you through the grounds and that your schedule will allow a bit of "fun" time.

Coincidentally, we understand that Al Gore and the Democratic Governors' Association will be doing an event in Seattle—perhaps at

the Boathouse. He should try to coordinate a media event of some kind to connect the two happenings on June 25.

Tomorrow Dale and I are going to the Galapagos with a small group. We'll be back May 24 to do the final preparation for our voyage to Jerusalem.

We send you love and look forward to seeing you in the Old City.

Sincerely,

Leslie Jackson

CHIHULY STUDIO 1111 NW 50TH ST SEATTLE, WA 98107-5120 TEL 206 781 8707 FAX 206 781 1906

Chihuly In the Light of Jerusalem 2000

Some Things You Should Know about Dale Chihuly

- Dale Chihuly is widely hailed as the greatest glass artist of the twentieth century.
- His glass creations, which are made from tons of colored glass and thousands of individually-blown pieces of glass assembled on metal frames, defy the laws of gravity.
- Dale Chihuly has transformed the art of glass blowing from a medium of decorative vessels to sculpture of almost unlimited possibilities.
- "Glass is," he says, "the most plentiful material... it's only sand... It is the most enchanting of all materials. It reflects light in its own special way and can break at any moment."
- Chihuly's works can be seen in over 100 museums worldwide, including New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Musée des Arts Décoratifs in the Louvre in Paris, and London's Victoria and Albert Museum.
- Chihuly was one of the first Americans granted access to the secrets of Venetian glass blowing and a founder of the Pilchuck Glass School, the leading school for glass artists.
- In 1992 Dale Chihuly was named America's first National Living Treasure. In Seattle, Washington, where he lives and works, March 13 is marked as "Dale Chihuly Day."
- Chihuly's creations are included in the private collections of the White House and Buckingham Palace, and adorn the homes of Elton John and Bill Gates.
- The first exhibition of Dale Chihuly's works in Israel will be mounted at Jerusalem's Tower of David Museum of the History of Jerusalem and will open on July 1, 1999. "Chihuly in the Light of Jerusalem 2000" will be the largest exhibition of his creations ever mounted and will be a central focus of the city's celebrations of the millennium.
- Chihuly has chosen to mount his works in Jerusalem because it is "one of the most historic, exotic and beautiful cities in the world. It is second to none in its richness and texture."
- The quantity of glass and the size of the pieces needed for the exhibition is so great that it has been blown in Chihuly's own studio in Seattle, as well as in factories in Finland, France, the Czech Republic and Japan, each of which boasts glass unique to that country.
- Chihuly will arrive in Jerusalem in the middle of June with a team of 30 people, including expert snappers, who will climb the walls to attach glass works to the stones. They will be joined by 50 local workers and volunteers.
- The exhibition in the courtyard will consist of some 15 installations, including a 13.5 meter high tower made of over 2,000 pieces of glass, a 9.5 meter high crystal mountain made from 1,500 crystals, and a 3.5 meter blue globe constructed from 500 pieces of glass that will hang above the tower and be visible from Jerusalem's new city. Smaller pieces will be exhibited in the museum's Crusader Hall.
- "We're going to bring crystal and colors and hope and peace to the Holyland... Jerusalem is the headquarters of three of the mightiest religions of the world and our crystals are going to help them forget about their differences."

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WANT TO KNOW MORE?

- Additional information about the project, including images, can be found on the Internet at www.chihuly.com/jerusalem.
- Would you like to visit the installation during the last week of June and attend the opening of the exhibition on July 1, 1999 or hear about a special Gala celebration of the project on October 3, 1999 in Israel?
- Chihuly has created a series of work entitled "Jerusalem Cylinders". The sale of the artwork will directly support the project in Jerusalem. You may see the cylinders by either contacting your local gallery, which represents Chihuly, visiting our website at www.chihuly.com, or by contacting the Chihuly Studio.
- For answers to your questions, please contact Joanna Sikes at joannas@chihuly.com or Debbie Parmenter at debbiep@chihuly.com. or call us at the Chihuly Studio (206) 781-8707 for additional information.

David B. Green

DALE CHIHULY MAKES A quiet entry into the courtyard of the Tower of David Museum, but immediately the 15 or so people waiting for him begin to scurry around like ants. As he and I find a table out of the unseasonably warm late-November sun, the others in attendance — the museum's director, for instance; a patron, dressed inconspicuously in a T-shirt, who may help underwrite Chihuly's latest project; a group of students from Jerusalem's Bezalel art and design academy there to offer their help; and a cameraman and another staffer from what could be called Chihuly Central, his operation in Seattle, Washington — hover, providing just the type of atmosphere that makes for the most

of his left eye in an automobile accident in 1976, and adorned this morning with a tiny speck of bright yellow paint. Together with the bright, solid-colored casual clothes, and his painted orthopedic shoes, which look as if they were decorated on a spatter-paint wheel at the county fair, the guy commands attention without being threatening.

And, being acutely media conscious, he gets it. Among other things, Chihuly has one of the most well-designed and thorough Web sites this reporter has ever seen, describing and documenting — with texts, photographs and videos — every aspect of his career, and offering the opportunity to interact with his people, and order works.

Here to plan a major new project at the Tower of David, he's accompanied by a small team. When he returns in the spring for the installation, it will be with "20, 30,

came first to the museum, and ended up spending the whole day at the site, an architectural hybrid containing Herodian, Byzantine, Muslim, Crusader and Mamluk elements, with of course no connection to King David. Chihuly says that as soon as he saw it, he knew "that should be the spot."

For all Jerusalem's natural beauty, though, one has to wonder just what else may have led this man, who's so drawn to water he sometimes takes several baths a day (on his first evening in Jerusalem, he says with a hearty chuckle, he took two, "one before I met the mayor, one after") to get involved in a major project in a landlocked, not to mention politically embattled, city. Seattle and Venice one can understand, but Jerusalem?

It turns out that Chihuly has been here before. He was in Israel the winter of 1962-

Man of Glass

Dale Chihuly, glassblowing great, comes 'home' to the birthplace of glass to mount a trademark extravaganza

distracted of journalistic conversations.

Yet, Chihuly, the world's most famous glassblower (if not its only famous one) is unfazed by the activity, barely paying notice when his cameraman attaches a tiny mike to his billowing tomato-red shirt, and begins to film him being interviewed.

There may be discussions in the art world as to whether what Chihuly (the name is Hungarian, the nationality of his paternal ancestors) does is fine arts or craft. But whatever his works are called, it's hard to resist being moved and dazzled by their beauty, delicacy and audacity. Who dreamed such things could be done with heated-up sand? Out of his atelier in Seattle (he guesses it is the world's largest art studio, with some 120 employees) emerge gourd-like glass balloons that look as if they've been distended by water; dazzling, swirled sculptures that resemble irregularly shaped pasta, if pasta could sparkle and were multicolored; translucent, pinkish ribbed glass baskets so thin and delicate you want to take a bite out of them; giant collections of clear glass vessels that hang from tripods like bunches of grapes.

If he had been professionally cast for the role of flamboyant bohemian sculptor, Chihuly couldn't look the part more. At 57, he has a full head of brown, wildly curly hair, and his stocky build gives him a presence to be reckoned with. Then there is the black eyepatch, earned when he lost the use

of 40" people, he promises. And if the museum can raise the funds, it will happen. This, after all, is the man who in 1996 masterminded "Chihuly over Venice," an exhibition of 14 extravagant glass installations — some floating, some suspended — in and around the canals of Venice.

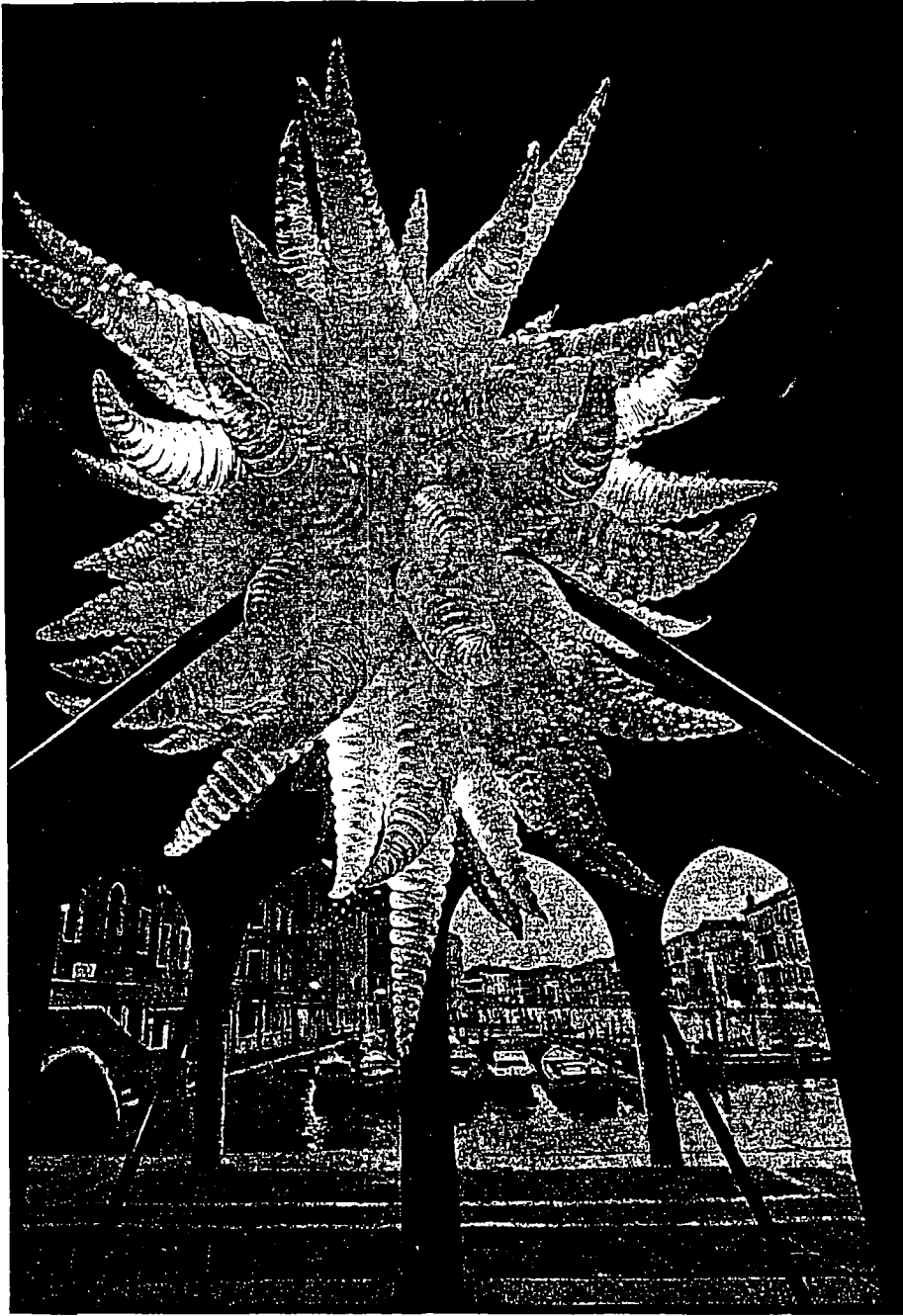
NOW THE ARTIST wants to work his magic in Jerusalem. He got the idea from Izzika Gaon, the late design curator at Jerusalem's Israel Museum, and a glassblower himself, who visited him in Seattle last year. "He talked about my doing a big project here," recalls the artist. A short time later, Chihuly was here for a 24-hour visit, on the occasion of a memorial ceremony for Gaon, who had died shortly after his own return to Israel.

Shosh Yaniv, director of the museum, says that Chihuly nearly missed that memorial, not because of a late flight, but rather because, following the advice Gaon had given him in the States, he

ESTEBAN ALTERMAN



PHOTOS OF CHIHULY'S WORK FROM "CHIHULY OVER VENICE" PORTLAND PRESS



◀ ALL THIS FROM SAND: A Venice installation (left) and gourds afloat (bottom). Inset: The master

63, and crossed the border in a then-divided Jerusalem. He had taken a year off from the University of Washington, in Seattle, and was traveling on a southward trajectory through Europe, looking for someplace warm to spend the cold months. He ended up working as a volunteer for a month at Kibbutz Lahav, in the Negev, "truly the single most memorable thing I ever did in my life."

He explains: "I didn't even want to be in college, but my father had died the year before. He was a union organizer. My brother had died the year before that," in a naval aviation practice flight. "My parents had never really gone to school and my mother wanted me to. So I did it." But halfway through, he says, "I just quit. I felt I was just wasting my time." He took off for Europe, his mother wiring him \$75 a month to get by on, "and when I came

back, I became this stellar student. And it was the trip that did it, and the most important part of the trip was working on the kibbutz," he declares, pronouncing the word with the accent on the first syllable. "I think that after being there, the idea of wasting time didn't make any sense."

It was being in the desert, it was waking before dawn and working an hour before breakfast, it was going out on guard duty along what was then the border with Jordan, it was the Beduin wedding he attended. "But mostly it was how grown-up everybody was; they didn't take life lightly."

Israel may be short on water, but it's well supplied with deserts, and Chihuly says: "I do find the desert very similar to the ocean. Aren't deserts former oceans anyway?" And, since glassblowing seems to have had its origins in the region, probably among the Phoenicians, and glass it-

self may have been invented five millennia ago, also in the Middle East, Shosh Yaniv says that Chihuly's undertaking a project in Jerusalem felt like "the closing of a circle."

Glassblowing is demanding work physically, and after dislocating his shoulder in 1979, Chihuly stopped active work as a hotshop "gaffer." But one of the most important lessons he says he learned from a late-60s spell as a Fulbright scholar observing in the Venini glass factory in Venice was the role of teamwork in glassblowing, and he simply shifted his role. As a recent piece in the *Christian Science Monitor* observed of Chihuly, "One of his great gifts is his ability to collaborate with and inspire a veritable army of artists and artisans. [Though] he himself no longer blows or shapes the glass, [Chihuly] draws abstract images, and his fellow artists seem to know exactly what he wants."

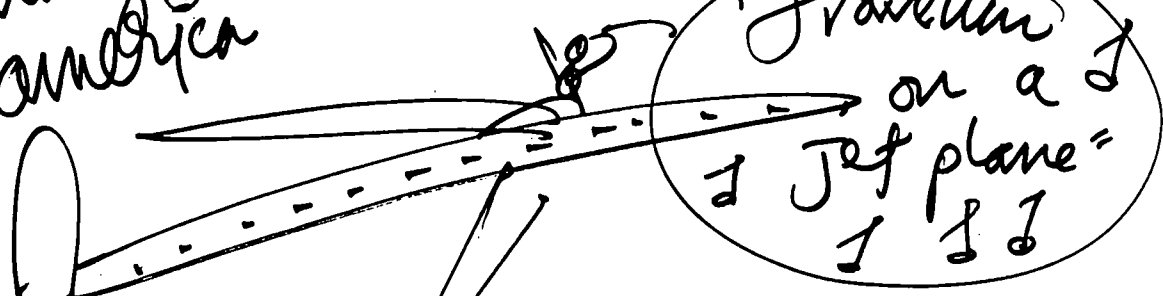
And Chihuly seems to know what the public wants. He has exhibited in hundreds of museums worldwide, and commercial clients include Microsoft, and the corporate headquarters of Corning glass, Liz Claiborne and MCI, to name a very few.

CHIHULY'S WORK IS EXPENSIVE, ranging from about \$3,000 for a simple piece to up to several hundred thousand for a large, custom installation. Asked whether he sees a contradiction between his labor background and devotion to group work, and the wealthy clientele he necessarily caters to, he says: "I sort of do what comes naturally. You know, 'Chihuly over Venice' cost me personally a million and a half dollars. And the easiest way to get that seemed to be to sell my own work." And he cites his educational-philanthropic work: Pilchuck, the glassblowing school he established near Seattle in 1971; an art program for Tacoma gang members; and Seniors Making Art, "a foundation that sends artists into senior facilities to do arts and crafts." Their mission is to do good work and to "make the seniors happy."

Making people happy makes Chihuly happy. He describes very vaguely his ideas for the citadel: "things that grow from the earth, from the castle," as he calls it. "I'm looking to get big crystals of glass to make one of the pieces," and he wants to hang an element from the complex's highest tower, to make it visible to as much of Jerusalem as is possible. "Glass has the ability, more than any other material, to bring joy, a certain happiness, to people. And this seemed like a very appropriate place to do that." ●

Dear Mighty Morse (Jackson Chimby)

Greetings from another airplane going
from opening to another somewhere in the
middle of America



"Travelling
on a Jet plane"

In another month or two mighty we'll be
travelling together on another jet plane -
it'll be your 80th or so jet ride - this
one your longest trip - almost 1/2 way
around the world to Jerusalem mighty
one of the most historic, exotic &
beautiful cities in the world - a city
that has been sought after & controlled
by more powers & cultures than
any place that I can think of.
It's 2nd to none in its
richness & texture

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CHIHULY STUDIO 1111 NW 50TH STREET SEATTLE, WA 98107-5120
TEL: 206 781 8707 FAX: 206 781-1906

We're going to go to Jerusalem tonight
the last three weeks of June 1999
install 15 installations in the labeled
"Citadel" the most historic building in
the most historic city in the world & it's
a glorious castle to be sure with all its
intrigue & secrets of the millions of people
that walked its courtyards & hallways
you're going to have a ball exploring
all the specific corners & passageways
& dungeons & hideouts & towers.

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And while you & your Mom are exploring
the Citadel, your Dad & about 30 artists &
craftsman from Chimneyland and maybe
another 50 volunteers from Israel. &
other countries will be putting 15 installations
all around the Citadel courtyards & towers
& castle walls inside & out. It's going to
be an incredible show mighty. We're going
to bring crystal & color & hope & place
to the Holyland & a joy to behold.
We're going to make people feel really
good & peaceful & happy to
see a people that have been under siege &
war & occupation for 5000 years.
Jerusalem is the headquarters of
3 of the mightiest religions of
the world mighty & our
crystals are going to
help them forget
about their
sufferances

glass the most plentiful material made
by mankind might - it's only sand might &
it's the cheapest material to make might -
a glass bottle costs less to make than a
plastic bottle!

GLASS



cheaper
beautiful
better
better
magical
safer
historic

not good
for the earth

not good for
your health
or spirit

no history

no class

GLASS - CRYSTAL is the future might
it's the building material of the future -
it's the light of the future & past
it'll bring joy & happiness & color &
light to everyone who
wants to enrich
their lives to be continued.

Dear Nighty

So let me tell you more about all the glass that we are shipping to the Citadel as we speak - for 40' containers Nighty coming from the USA, France, Finland, Czech Republic & Japan about 10,000 pieces wall!

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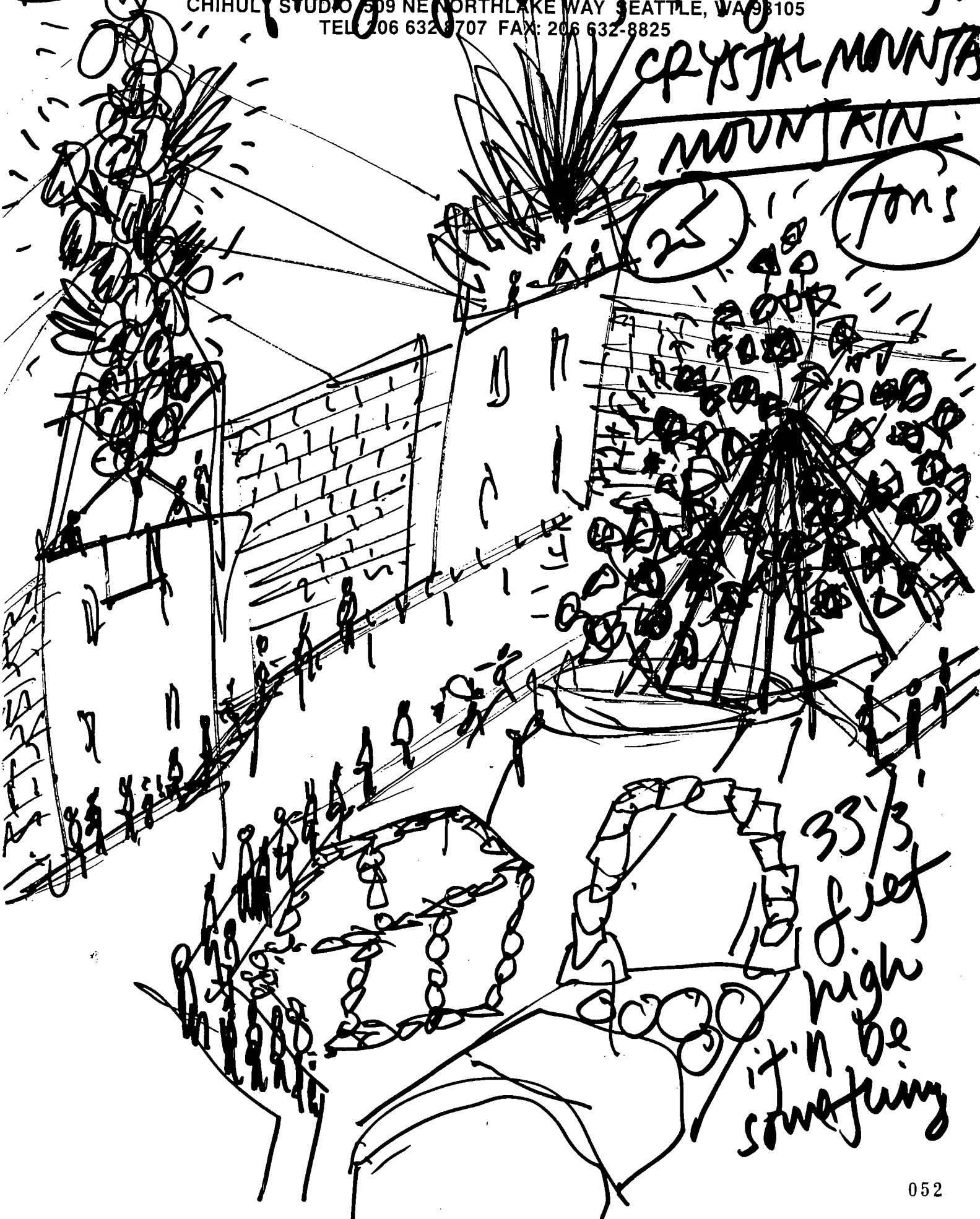
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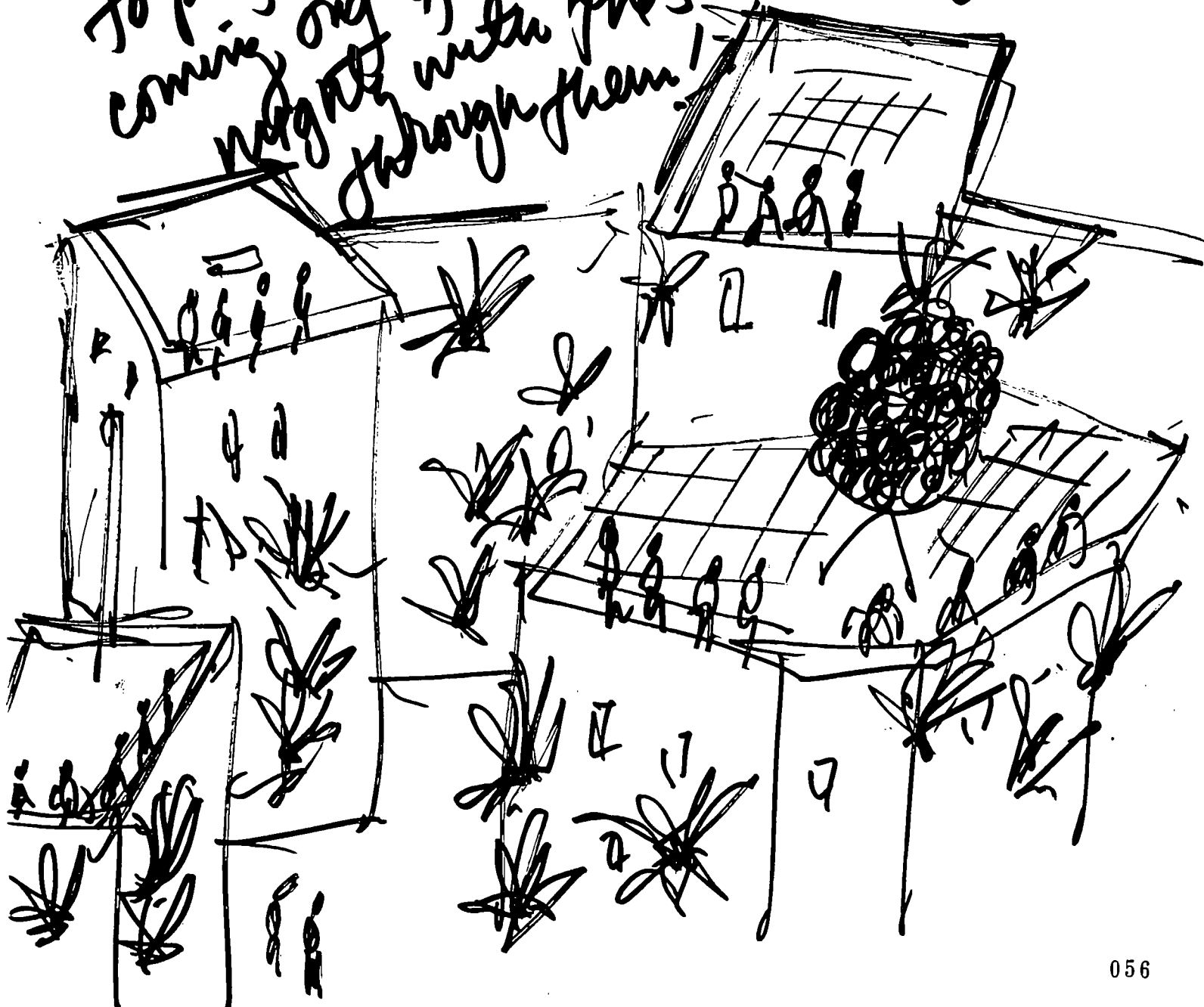


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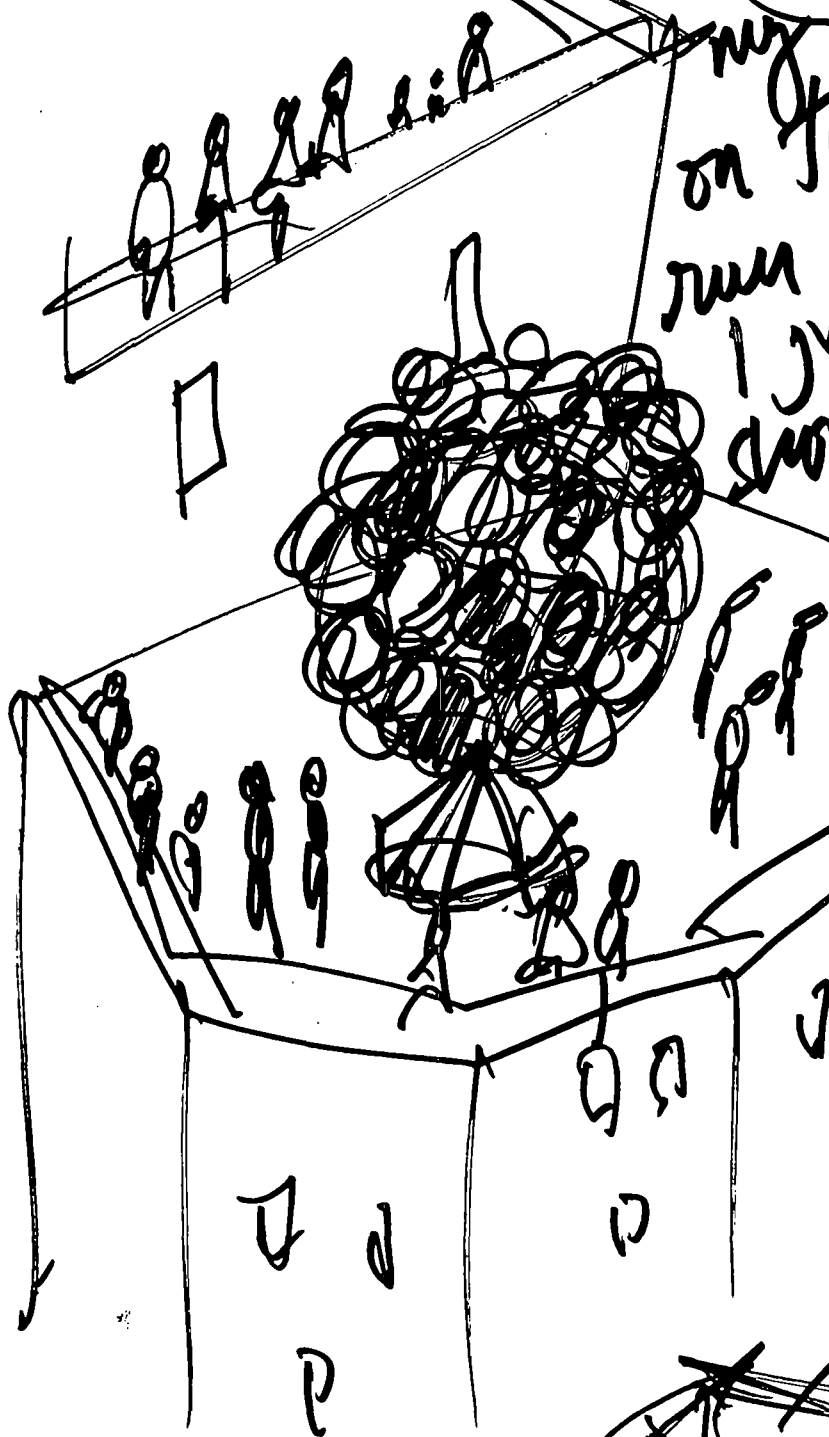
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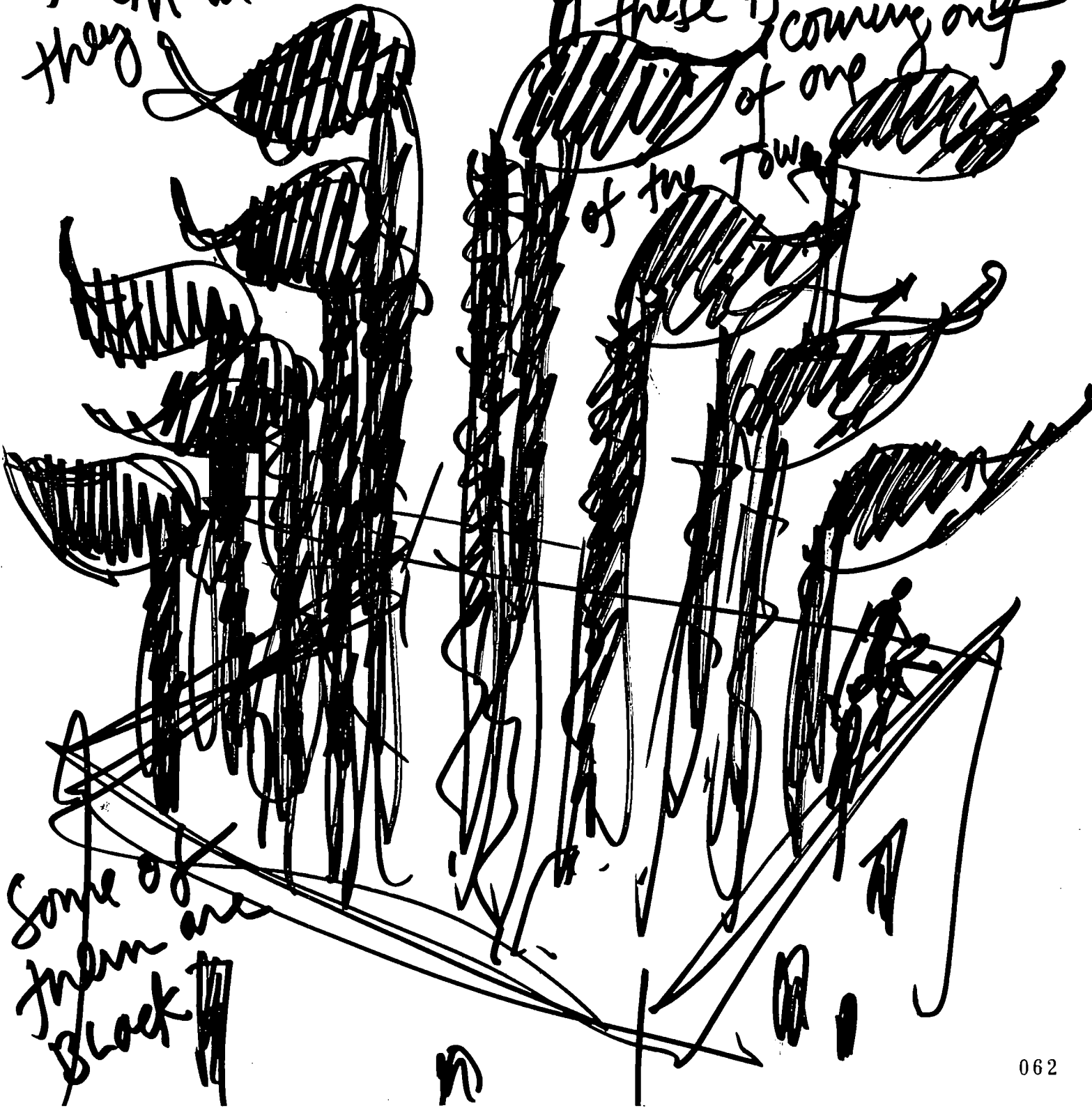


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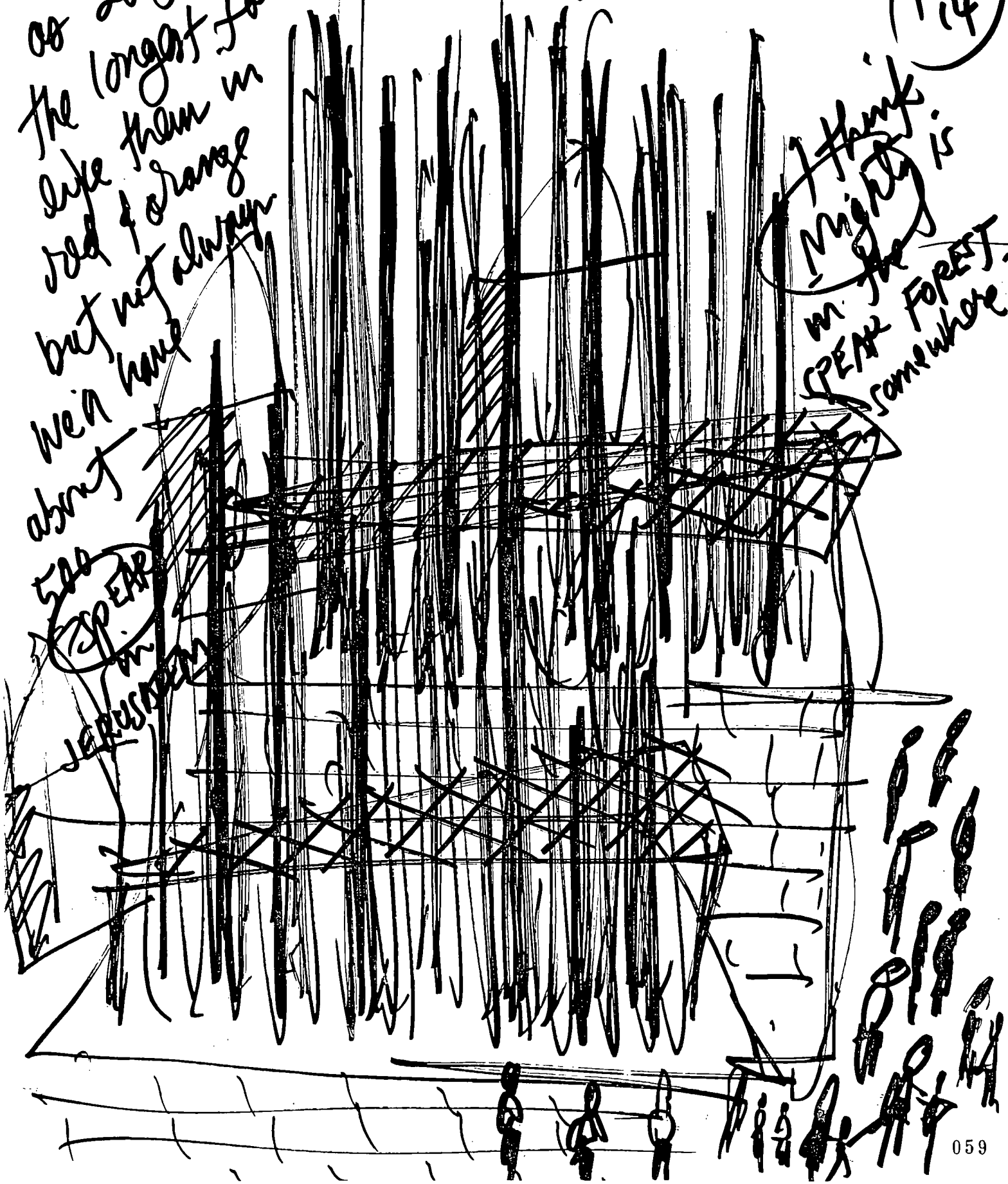
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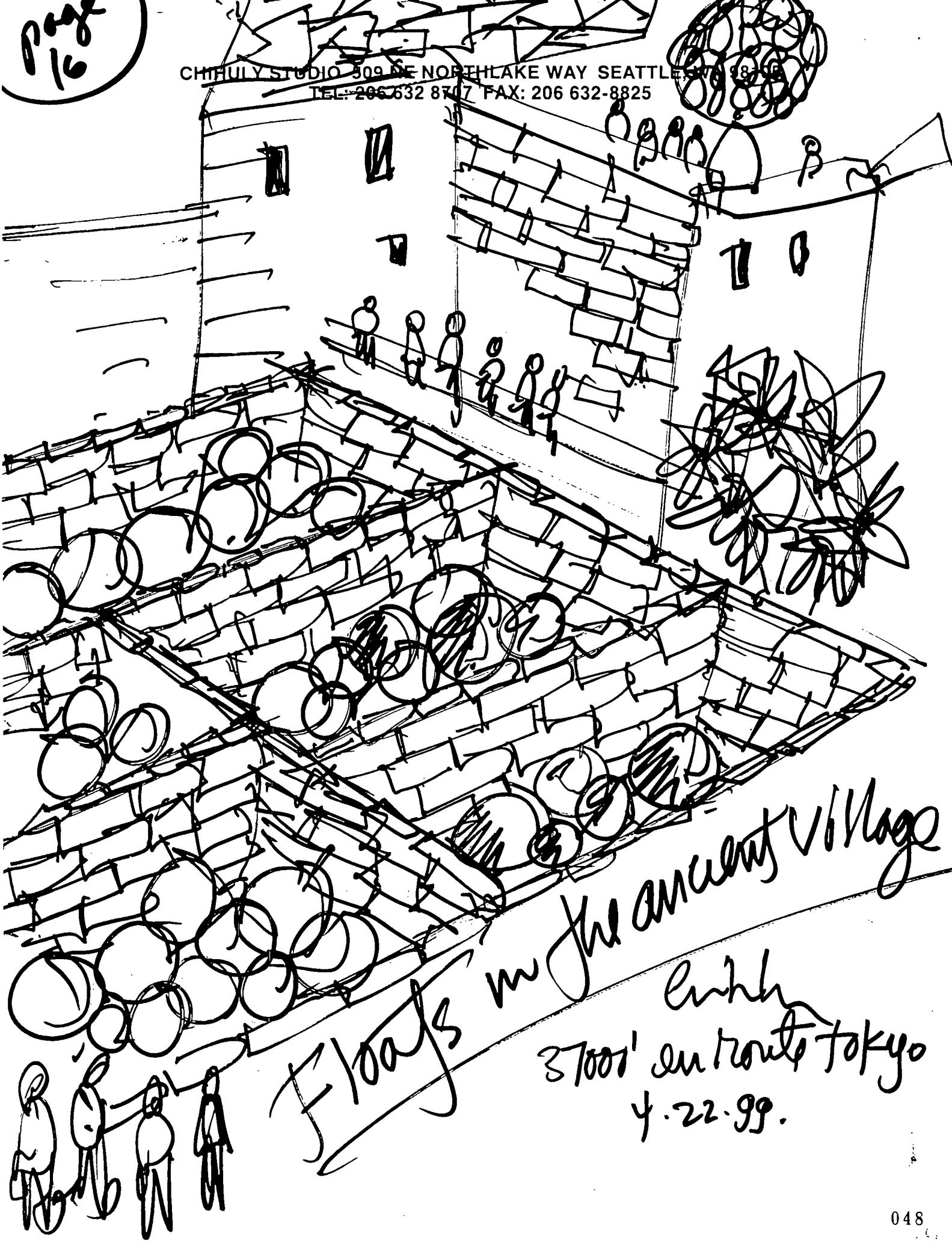
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Floors in the ancient village
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Transcription of Chihuly's fax

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Dear Mighty Mouse (Jackson Chihuly),

Greetings from another airplane going from opening to another, somewhere in the middle of America. "Travelin' on a Jet plane" In another month or two, Mighty we'll be travelling together on another jet plane. It'll be your 80th or so jet ride—this one your longest trip—almost ½ way around the world to Jerusalem, Mighty. One of the most historic, exotic, and beautiful cities in the world—a city that has been sought after and controlled by more powers and cultures than any place that I can think of. It's 2nd to none in its richness and texture

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We're going to go to Jerusalem, Mighty, the last three weeks of June 1999 and install 15 installations in the fabled "Citadel"—the most historic building in the most historic city in the world. It's a glorious castle to be sure, with all its intrigue and secrets of the millions of people that walked its courtyards and hallways. You're going to have a ball exploring all the exotic corners and passageways and dungeons and hideouts and towers. "Where's Mighty?" "Mighty's up in the Tower I think"

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And while you and your mom are exploring the Citadel, your Dad and about 30 artists and craftsman from Chihulyland, and maybe another 50 volunteers from Israel and other countries. We'll be putting 15 installations all around the Citadel courtyards and towers and castle walls—inside and out. It's going to be an incredible show Mighty. We're going to bring crystal and colors and hope and place to the Holyland—a joy to behold. We're going to make people feel really good--serene and peaceful and happy to a people under siege and war and occupation for 5000 years. Jerusalem is the headquarters of 3 of the Mightiest religions of the world—Mighty and our crystals are going to help them forget about their differences

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Glass is the most plentiful material made by mankind Mighty—it's only sand, Mighty and it's the cheapest material to make Mighty. A glass bottle costs less to make than a plastic bottle. "Glass" "cheaper, beautiful, tastes better, magical, safer, historic" "Plastic" "not good for the earth" "no history" "not good for your health or spirit" "no class" GLASS CRYSTAL is the future Mighty. It's the building material of the future. It's the LIGHT of the future and past. It'll bring joy and happiness and color and light to everyone who wants to enrich their lives. To be continued.

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YELLOW FISH-they've been called. These too were made in France. There's only about 25 of them and they're in a beautiful uranium yellow color. Hope you don't get bored with all the glass Mighty, but there will be all kinds of team members that will want to play with you, and lots of visitors and friends that are coming.

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BLACK and RED SAGUAROS they look a little like those big cacti from Senoran Desert in Arizona Mighty, and they'll feel right at home in the nearby Desert of Israel. We'll put them on top one of the towers. I think we have a couple of hundred of them. They were made in Finland.

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The tallest piece in Jerusalem, Mighty, will be the Feather Blue Tower, at about 70' high! Wow, that's really high for us Mighty. You'll be able to see it real good from inside and outside of the Citadel. It'll have over 2000 parts Mighty. You'll want to watch this one being erected-me too. "very blue"

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Shimmering Glass Forms over the Tower of David

Chihuly in the Light of Jerusalem 2000
Art Installations that Recall Glass Blown in Israel 2,000 Years Ago

The work of the renowned American glass artist Dale Chihuly will be mounted on the walls and in the courtyard of the *Tower of David Museum of the History of Jerusalem*. The exhibition will open on July 1, 1999. This will be the largest exhibition the Museum has ever mounted.

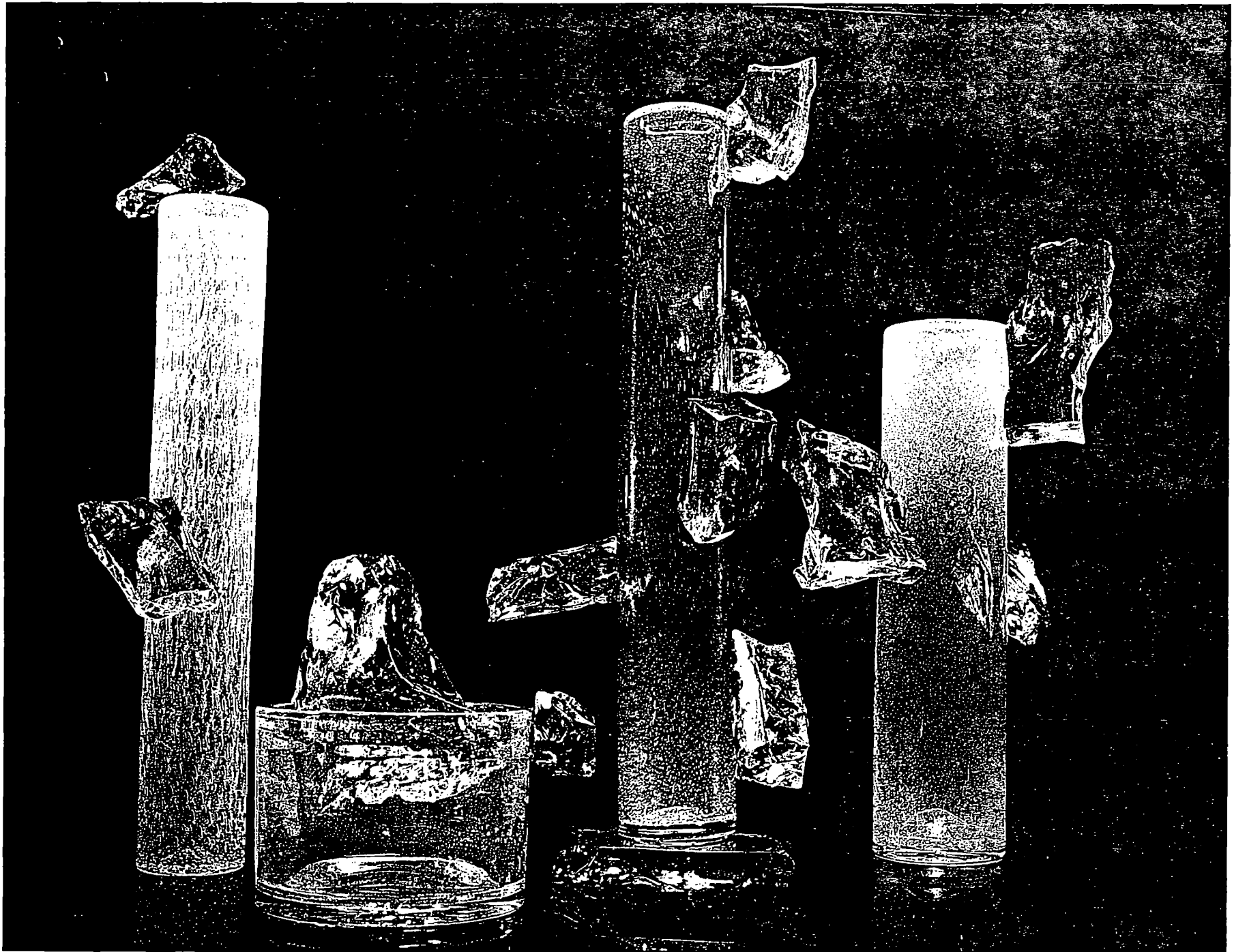
The monumental glass works will rise up from the gardens of the fortress and hang from its ramparts and towers for the yearlong exhibition that will change Jerusalem's skyline. The glass, blown in a multitude of colors, complements the stones of the fortress and its architectural features. Similar projects by Chihuly have been created over the canals of Venice and on the Japanese Island of Niihima, as well as in Norway, Ireland, Mexico and other locations throughout the world. The exhibition will form a central part of Jerusalem's celebrations of the millennium, which is a particularly fitting time to celebrate glass blowing in Israel, for it was in the Eastern Mediterranean that the art was first developed some 2,000 years ago.

Dale Chihuly was born in Tacoma, Washington in 1941, and blew his first glass form as a student in Seattle. As a Fulbright Fellow in Venice in 1968, he was one of the first Americans allowed access to the secrets of Venetian glassblowing. In 1971 he was one of the founders of the Pilchuck Glass School, which quickly became the world's leading school for glass artists. In 1992, he was named America's first National Living Treasure.

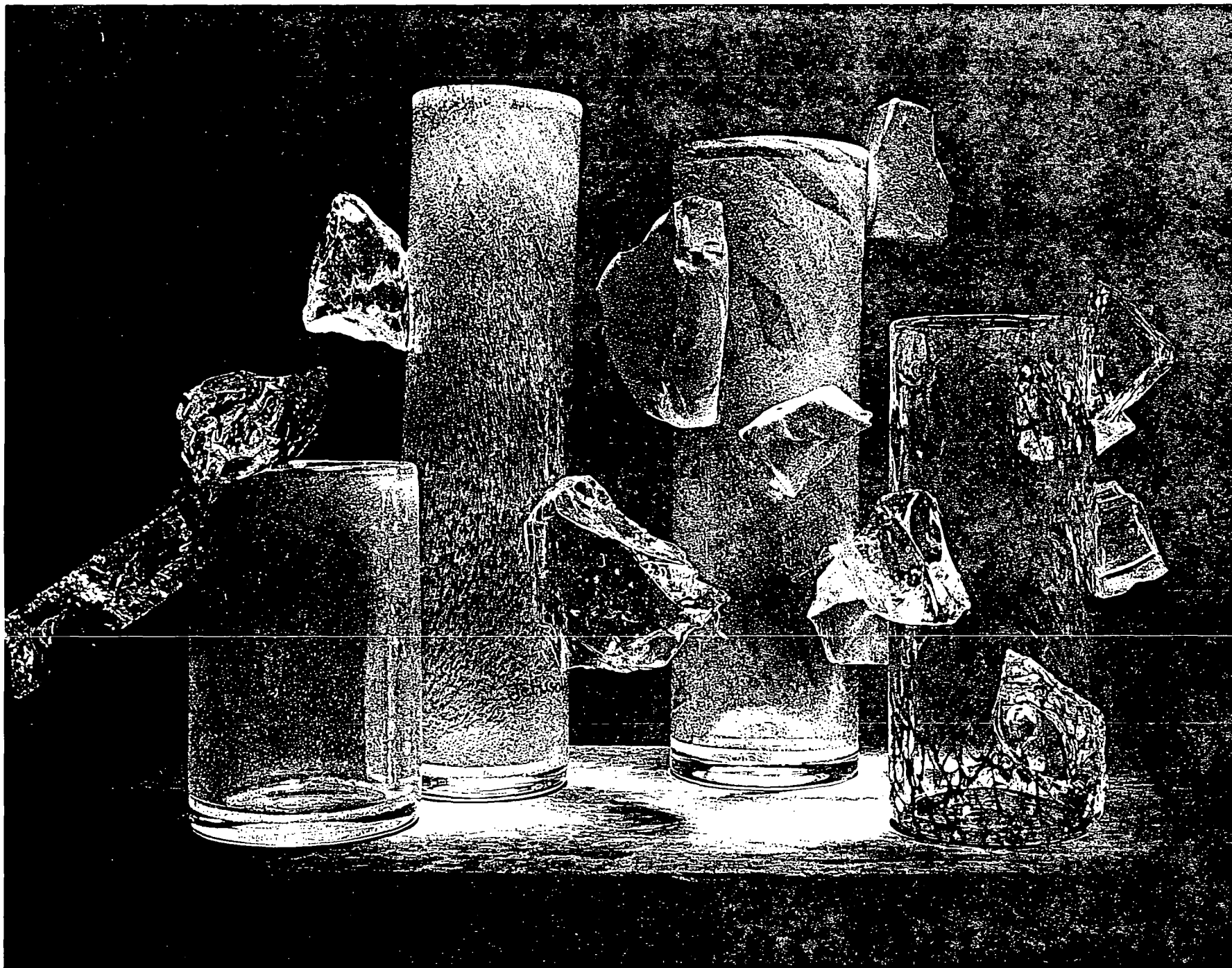
His monumental installations and smaller art works are housed in museums worldwide. These include New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Musée des Arts Décoratifs of the Louvre in Paris, and London's Victoria and Albert Museum, as well as in private collections, including the White House, Buckingham Palace and the homes of Elton John and Bill Gates.

Chihuly has popularized glass as an art form and expanded its frontiers like no American since Louis C. Tiffany. He takes his inspiration from nature and has expanded the boundaries of glass blowing, transforming the art from a medium of decorative vessels to sculpture of almost unlimited possibilities. In creating the works for the Tower of David, Chihuly is seeking to form a link with the glass made in Israel 2,000 years ago.

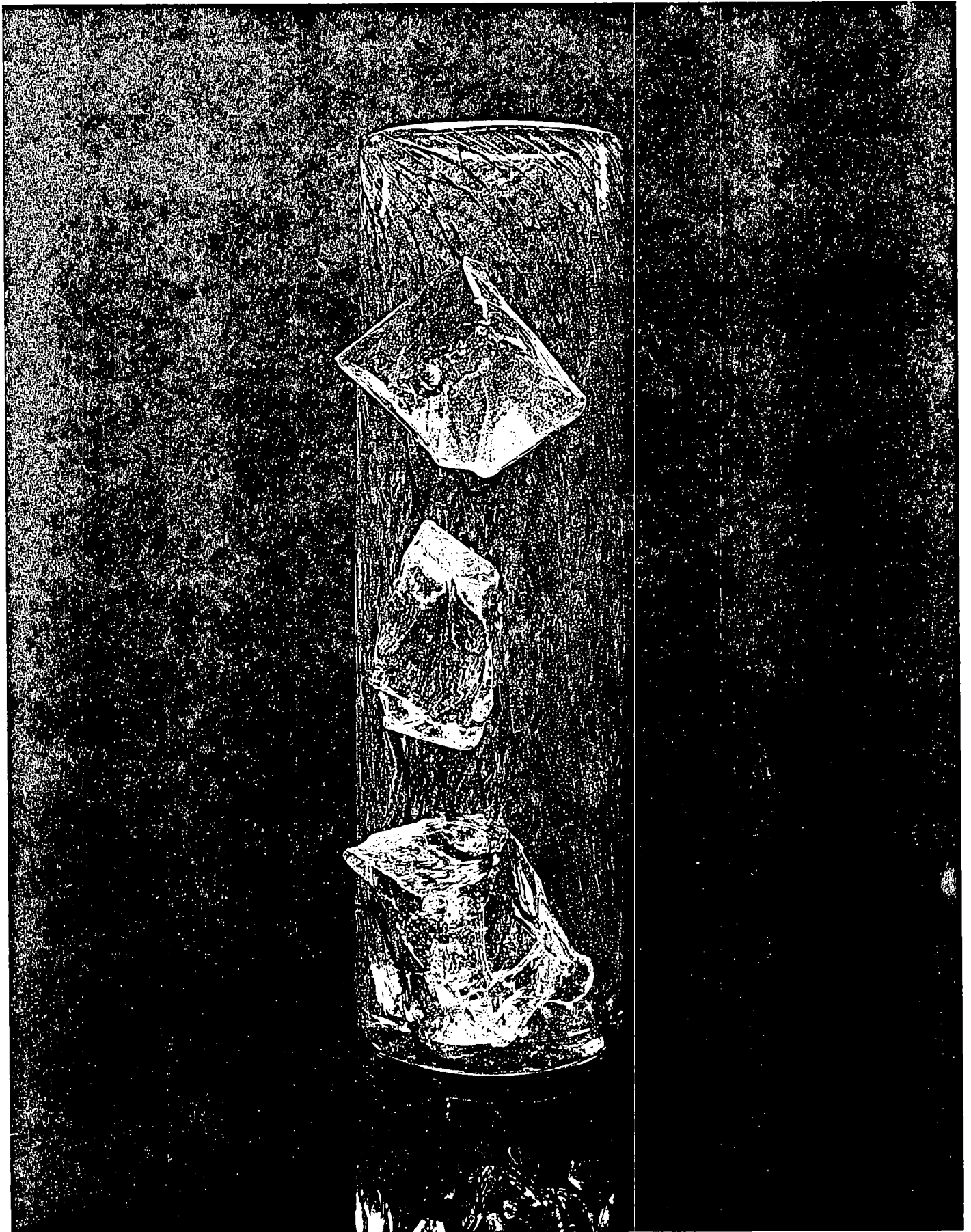
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Programs

The Leadership Development Program (LDP)



The Leadership Development Program (LPD) is an unique hands-on training course for diverse Jewish and Arab young women ages 15-17. The LDP model is adapted and implemented annually in an increasing number of locations throughout Israel.

Fall Semester: Knowledge and Tools

roundtable?

The Basics Course curriculum integrates instruction in leadership theory and skills with an intensive examination of the status of women in Israel and in the world. Jewish-Arab facilitator teams and guest experts guide participants in weekly explorations of "focus topics" including education, health, politics, religion, business, the environment, technology, and the media.



Spring Semester: Leadership Experience

Independent Projects allow each young woman to directly impact her environment. Each participant identifies and studies an issue affecting her community. Guided by a mentor, she then designs, budgets, and implements her plan.



Creative projects include:



Peer education programs
Awareness campaigns
Research projects
Entrepreneurial endeavors
Internships with voluntary organizations

Group building Outdoor Challenges - a spring "ropes course" and week-long summer trek in the Sinai Desert - emphasize the importance of teamwork and the development of individual leadership strengths.



Alumnae Activities

Alumnae Activities for Leadership Development Program graduates ages 18 to 25 guarantee Nisan's long-term impact on its members and, in turn, their long-term impact on Israeli society.

The young leaders:

- o Participate in organizational decision-making at Nisan
- o Write and edit a quarterly Hebrew-Arabic alumnae newsletter.
- o Plan LDP "class reunions," special lectures and events.

   
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Background

Nisan Young Women Leaders is the only organization dedicated to the advancement of young women in Israel. Nisan's innovative programs develop the leadership potential of Jewish and Arab Israeli young women, support their initiatives, and foster communication and cooperative partnerships among them. Connections initiated during the organization's "Leadership Development Programs" for high-schoolers are cultivated on a long-term basis through participation in alumnae activities and utilization of the Young Women's Resource Center.

Nisan's Leadership Development Programs empower young women with knowledge, tools, and experience fundamental for effective leadership and increase their familiarity with peers from the diverse ethnic and cultural populations in Israel. Participants, in the tenth and eleventh grades (age 15-17), meet on a weekly basis for formal and informal instruction and intensive group building work during the first semester of the year-long curriculum. In the second semester, participants create, plan and conduct independent projects. During this time, participants meet twice monthly to share independent project reports, evaluate activities, and design action plans for cooperation. The Leadership Development Program curriculum model is replicated, adapted, and implemented by Nisan in cooperation with partners in locations throughout Israel reaching young women across the country, while maintaining the program's high quality standard.

Programs specifically targeting alumnae and other young women ages 18 to 25, such as continuing training seminars and networking activities, guarantee Nisan's long-term impact on its members and, in turn, their long-term impact on Israeli society. Additionally, LDP graduates remain active in Nisan by participating directly in the decision making processes of the organization. The Young Women's Resource Center, open to Nisan members and the public, is an information bank which addresses a range of topical issues from a youth perspective. The "Career Mentor Index" connects women from all professions interested in mentoring with young women exploring related vocations. Working in cooperation with organizations in Israel and abroad, Nisan also coordinates a variety of programs to facilitate leadership exchange opportunities and lobbies to increase and enhance opportunities for young

women to take-on positions of leadership in all spheres of society. In 1998, the Center will be linked to the Internet and establish a "Home Page" to facilitate inter-active networking between Israeli young women and their contemporaries in the region and the world.

The month of "Nisan" both in Hebrew and Arabic, inaugurates Spring, the season of new beginnings. Nisan Young Women Leaders taps new sources of Israeli leadership among the State's diverse young women. Trained and supported through Nisan, Arab and Jewish young women are prepared to participate effectively and resourcefully in the decision making processes of their communities, advance their convictions with sensitivity and respect for themselves and others, and achieve results.

I. NOW is the time for NISAN YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS

Forty-eight percent of Israel's population is under twenty-five; just over half of these young people are female (Israel National Statistics Bureau, 1996). The voice of youth, particularly young women and girls, is seldom heard in the decision-making processes that effect their lives. The potential of young women to contribute is underestimated and their legitimacy as agents of change is not recognized.

Diverse opportunities and arenas exist for young Israeli men to develop the skills and support networks needed to become leaders, but similar options for young women are limited, incomplete, and less accessible. The effects of such disparities are apparent in all spheres of Israeli society; they are evidenced by the striking under-representations of women in decision-making positions at every level.

Moreover, in Israel today, leaders are often unable to transcend barriers of ethnicity, religion, class, and differences born out of experiential gaps between the State's Jewish and Arab citizens. A new generation of leaders must be trained to effectively and resourcefully advance their convictions, while maintaining sensitivity and respect for others. This new leadership must create and build on foundations of mutual understanding and peace among the populations within Israel as well as those in neighboring states. Leadership from the "grassroots" to the "halls of power," must include women with power and authority in similar numbers to their male counterparts.

If progress and achievements are to have a lasting and meaningful impact, Israel's young women, whose eclectic voice is the voice of the future, must be prepared and encouraged to actively participate in and lead movements that will strengthen the State's democracy. The achievement of Nisan's goals will transform Israeli leadership in all spheres and ensure that it includes women and men, young and old, and Arab and Jew. Through their Nisan connection, Jewish and Arab Israeli young women have a unique opportunity to give and receive support and encouragement as they strive toward both common and individual leadership goals.

II. Goals and Objectives

Nisan's goals are:

- to establish a core of Jewish and Arab Israeli young women trained as leaders, encouraged to act as agents of change, and working to impact Israeli society through action and advocacy;
- to enhance partnerships and friendships forged among Arab and Jewish Israeli young women on local and national levels, and then connect them with regional and international young women's networks;
- to ensure that young women have the skills, support structures, and encouragement necessary to strive for and achieve positions of leadership; and,
- to increase and improve opportunities for young women in decision-making spheres of social, political, economic, technological, cultural and all other aspects of Israeli society.

The objectives of Nisan's Leadership Development Programs are:

- to conduct year-long after-school leadership development courses for young women in high school specifically adapted to the needs of each group and location;
- to increase participants' knowledge regarding the status of and opportunities for women, from both Jewish and Arab perspectives, in Israel and the world; and, to augment participants' skills and competence with the tools necessary to facilitate change both in established structures and newly initiated ones;
- to advise and support participants in the development and execution of independent projects in their communities utilizing the knowledge and tools gained in the training program;
- to build a cadre of active and aware citizens who know how to work together as a team and support one another as individuals; and,
- to evaluate the curriculum model, adapt it as necessary, and conduct it annually in an increasing number of cities, towns, and villages in Israel.

The objectives of Alumnae Activities and Young Women's Resource Center are:

- to coordinate continuing training programs, social events and joint

projects for Leadership Development Program graduates, specifically targeting those young women between the ages of 18 and 25, which will encourage continued, long-term connections among them;

- to involve graduates in the decision making processes of the organization;
- to provide resource information, support structures, and connections with mentors and mentoring organizations to ensure that young women have a source of guidance for action initiative, university, and career decisions; and,
- to conduct exchange programs with young women in the United States, Middle East, and Europe.

III. Organizational Development

Calanit Dove conceived of the original goals and methods of Nisan Young Women Leaders during research for her Master degree in International Law and Human Rights at the Columbia University School of International Affairs. Concerned by the vacuum of effective training and support avenues for young women that existed in Israel, motivated by a vision of the impact paving such avenues would have, and inspired by a deep commitment to the strengthening of Israel's democracy, Ms. Dove launched the organization upon her immigration to Israel in December 1993.

In 1994, the initial organizational structure and program design were established and seed money secured. In January 1995, Nisan was recognized as a not-for-profit organization in Israel and the Board of Directors was established. The first (1994-1995) and second (1995-1996) Leadership Development Programs were conducted in Haifa. In 1996-1997, Nisan opened Leadership Development Programs in three new locations. In 1997, alumnae activities and the Young Women's Resource Center were instituted.

Nisan Young Women Leaders' unique and constantly evolving methodology is developed by working with, learning from, and building-on the expertise of other organizations in Israel and abroad, combined with our own innovative approach and experience. Nisan is the only leadership development organization and network for Jewish and Arab young women in Israel. Nisan is recognized as a national authority on young women's leadership development by the Government of Israel, the Ministry of Education, important "think-tanks," and the media.



the Nisan Leadership Development Programs, alumnae activities, Young Women's Resource Center, and international programs. Working together with the Executive Director, tasks include overseeing curriculum development, coordinate program staff, specialists and advisors, maintain contact with participants, parents and schools, and related administrative tasks.



Rotem Ilani is an expert in the development of training and empowerment programs for community leadership, educational advancement, and child welfare especially for women and girls. Until joining Nisan, she was based in Beer-Sheva and held the positions of Regional Director of the Early Childhood Development Foundation, Volunteer Coordinator at Genesis Volunteer Advocacy Organization, Bedouin Student's Advisor in Kay College, and Tel Sheva

Local Council Community Worker. She holds a BA in Social Work from Ben Gurion University and is completing her Master Degree in Art Therapy at Lesley College. She is fluent in Hebrew (mother tongue), Arabic, and English.

Leadership Development Program Facilitators are responsible for running the weekly training sessions, maintaining regular contact with participants and supervising their independent projects. The facilitators are women in their mid-twenties, who reflect the diversity of the program participants. One facilitator is hired for every 10 to 16 participants. During the months preceding the course and at regular intervals during the year, facilitators undergo thorough training. While both facilitators work with all members of the group, they are specifically available to members of similar background. Facilitators act as a bridge between the participants and administration, enabling prompt and effective amelioration of problems, oversights, or other issues that may arise. Facilitators aid by providing clear responses to queries and concerns of participants' parents in the lingual and cultural vernacular to which they are accustomed. Program alumnae will be eligible for facilitator positions when they qualify.

Specialists fall into three categories: (1) Leadership Development Program staff training specialists who work with the facilitators, (2) experts who lead various "knowledge" and "tools" units of the course and act as advisors for participants' independent projects, and (3) expert advisors aid in the development and adaptation of the replicable version of the Leadership Development Program.

Interns are generally young Americans or Europeans spending a limited period of time in the country who wish to be involved and contribute to Nisan Young Women Leaders. Nisan employs at least one intern per academic semester.

Board Member Profiles:

Calanit Doveve founded Nisan Young Women Leaders in 1993. She holds a BA in Middle East Studies from Barnard College, Columbia University and a MIA specializing in Human Rights and International Law from the School of International Affairs at Columbia University. She was a member of the official Israeli delegation to the United Nations' Fourth World conference on Women in Beijing in September 1995 and a member of the EC Region Youth consultation expert group of the Conference. She was named one of Lilith Magazine's "18 Women to Watch during the Next 18 Years" in 1994, a Who Cares Journal of Service and Action "Young Visionary" in 1996, and one of Ms. Magazine's "21 [Women Leaders] for the 21st [Century]" in 1997.

Marzuk Halabi is an organizational consultant at Shatil, the New Israel Fund's assistance project for voluntary organizations. He is a professional journalist, author and reviewer of Arabic Literature. He holds a BA in Political Science and Comparative Literature and has conducted extensive research on the relationship of the Arab population in Israel with Jewish society and governance. An expert group dynamics facilitator, he specializes in conflict resolution and mediation groups dealing with the Jewish/Arab conflict. He serves as Chairman of the Alumni Association for Education and Culture in the Druze village of Daliat el-Carmel near Haifa.

Sana Hamoud has recently completed her Law Degree at the Interdisciplinary College in Herzliya. Currently, she works for the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and the Arab Women's Rape Crisis Center, for which she speaks in the televised public service announcements. She was the hostess of "*Hamsa ve-Hamisha*," an Arab-Jewish TV show encouraging cultural exchange and dialogue, for the full three year run of the show and was the featured narrator in two documentaries by Arab-Israeli directors. She is an active member of several feminist organizations and the *Tajamu* Arab Democratic political movement where she chairs the Party's Women's Committee.

Professor Marilyn Safir is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology and the Director of Kidma, the association for the advancement of women at the University of Haifa. She founded and directed (1983-1993) the University's Women's Studies Program. A pioneer of the new Women's Movement which began in Haifa in 1970, she is active in a range of women's advocacy organizations and served as Director of the National Commission on the Advancement of the Status of Women from 1986 to 1991. Professor Safir's

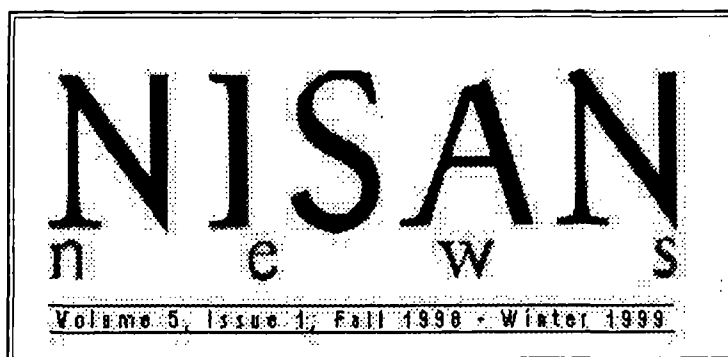
publications include: Sexual Equality: Israel Answers the Questions, Women's World (Prager, 1985) and Calling the Equality Bluff: Women in Israel (Pergamen, 1991 and the Teachers College Press, 1993).

Rabbi Robert Samuels is the Chief Executive Officer of the Leo Baeck Education Center. After Rabbinical Ordination at the Jewish Institute of Religion of Hebrew Union College in Ohio, he founded progressive congregations in Upper Nazareth, Nahariyya, and Haifa. Rabbi Samuels is a past Chair of the Council of Israeli Progressive Rabbis (MARAM), and a member of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism Steering Committee, the Haifa University Steering Committee, and the Haifa Rotary Club.

Mary Totary is a PhD candidate in Political Science at Haifa University and the mother of a Nisan Young Women Leaders alumna. She holds a BA in Sociology and English and an MA in Sociology from the University of Haifa. Her Master Thesis explored the political orientation of a village divided by the 1967 "Green Line" and her dissertation will focus on the Palestinian Media. Currently, she teaches English in the Galilee towns of Tamra and Kabul.



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"The key is for women not to set any limits."



Martina Navratilova, one of the greatest tennis players of all-time, activist, and philanthropist.

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We Did It!

The two-part Outdoor Challenge is a rite of passage for participants in Nisan's Leadership Development Programs (LDPs). Scheduled after the young women complete the "Basics Course," at the commencement their independent leadership projects, and just before joining the ranks of the alumnae, the Outdoor Challenge serves to fuse the sum of new vocabulary, images, and ideas gained into a vibrant actuality. Completion of the Outdoor Challenge illustrates symbolically the breadth of the young women's abilities and accomplishments and

their legitimacy as agents for change.

Members of the 1997-1998 LDP Classes from Haifa and Tira/Kfar Saba completed a "ropes course" in April and, in July, a Challenge Seminar in the Upper Galilee. This year's seminar was relocated to northern Israel from the traditional site in the Sinai Desert. Designed as a group building exercise, the experience stresses the importance and value of teamwork as well as the development of individual leadership strengths.

Ropes Course

Iman Mahmoud Mansour, (16) from the Arab-Israeli village of Tira, reports on the ropes course.

One of the highlights of my Nisan experience this year was participation in the "ropes course" at Kibbutz Tuval in northern Israel. Young women leaders from my LDP group and members of the Haifa group joined together for the adventure.



I joined Nisan at the beginning of this school year because I wanted to gain the skills that would help me make a difference. I knew from the girls who had participated in the program the year before me that it would be like nothing else I had ever done. I looked forward to what the training would bring with great anticipation. My group met every week for several hours each time. A range of subjects that are very important to learn about at our age were discussed throughout the year. In April, we completed a Ropes Course, the ingenious first part of the Outdoor Challenge training.

We set out for the day early. After a long bus ride, we gathered in a meeting room for some introductory activities during which we got to know the girls and staff from the other LDP group. Then we went outside to begin our work as a team.

The various exercises seemed to be different when we were doing them, but at the end of the day we realized that they all had similar aims: on one hand, training us to accomplish things as a collective and, on the other, strengthening our individual leadership spirit.

The games required us to get ourselves organized quickly to accomplish different tasks. We had to carry, swing, and pull each other through nets, over imaginary-alligator infested waters, and between small wooden islands in an open field. We learned how to balance as a group on high-wire ropes and seesaws. In order to carry out our mission in these activities, we needed to plan together. Often, while debating different proposals on how to resolve a situation, misunderstandings arose. We had to figure out how to compromise and to accept other's opinions.

The day was so special! We learned a lot about the importance of group work and accepting the others' ideas - sometimes delightfully and sometimes by giving-up. Sometimes we didn't finish the game successfully, but we achieved a cooperating spirit. This characteristic is important to every person, but it is essential for one who hopes to be a successful leader.

I would like to thank all the caring people who were behind this exciting experience and those who caused the positive changes within us.

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Challenge Seminar

Marina Polonosky (17) from Haifa shares her recollections from the Challenge Seminar.

Day 1 Did you ever dream of going into a fairy-tale world? To go through a forest like in Alice-in-Wonderland and reach a magical icicle cave? Well, we dreamt it and we did it.



In the woods, each tree tells its own fairytale. Listening to them makes walking in the heat a refreshing experience. In the first part of the day, we found the surprises the forest holds: after a visit to a humid cave and seeing amazing stalagmites and stalactites, we jumped into the freezing water of Bezet Creek. No one would believe it, so it is lucky that the moments are documented on film.

In the afternoon, we headed to Rosh Hanikra. We were lowered by cable car into the grottos, the cavernous hollows carved out by the rushing waters of the sea. In that mysterious atmosphere, it seemed like little creatures that live in the dark might emerge any moment.

The activities of the first night began with the giving of "word-gifts" to the group. Spoken in her mother tongue and then translated to the group, each girl shared a word of deep meaning to her. "Trust," "candidness," "joy," "cooperation," and "boundaries" were a few of the words mentioned. I chose "wave." Waves are not afraid of the peaks or the falls because they always know they will have another chance. I think we can learn from the waves: we should do our best in all circumstances because even if we don't succeed this time, we will next time. The waves do not fear going up because they do not fear going down. Instead of getting discouraged, they try again. And even though they work slowly, in the end they have the power to grind away the hardest stone. One of the girls offered a brilliant addition to my metaphor: the fact that all the waves are connected, she said, gives them more power - just like us in Nisan.

The discussion of words, led to a discussion of importance of language and expression in our identity. Of course, because our group was made up of Hebrew and Arabic speakers the conversation was of particular significance and interest. In many ways, navigating this discussion was more difficult than any of the day's physical challenges. The Arab girls questioned why we always spoke Hebrew in the group. The first explanation was technical: all of the Arab girls speak Hebrew well, while most of the Jewish girls can't speak a word in Arabic. As a group, we asked ourselves: "Why is that?" It was a heated debate. In the end, the Jewish girls learned some basic conversational words in Arabic and we listened to Arabic music in the bus for the rest of trip. The evening ended with relaxation exercises and we went to bed having become more understanding and closer to each other.

Day 2 After a short hike, we dipped into the cold and clear water of the natural Kziv Creek pool. Little fish swam fearlessly around us, tasting our feet. Then, we crept deep into a very narrow cave. As the water rose higher and higher and the ceiling sunk lower and lower, we dove below the water and found a air pocket deep inside. We crawled out of the cave onto the rocks outside to warm up like lizards in the sun. From there, we began a long drying hike

up a snake path that seemed to shoot straight up out of the ground. It was worth it because lunch was waiting for us at the top.

After the meal, we mounted donkeys to help us finish our hiking for the day. Riding on a donkey is an interesting experience: I felt as through we were a caravan of biblical merchants, travelling across the land with bags of treasures.



That evenings activities were organized by group members. Rania from Tira led us in a "trust train." In groups of three, we alternatively led and were led blindly around a large field with various obstacles. The exercise gave us the opportunity to take responsibility for our friends as well as put our trust in them. We talked about how and where these different feelings played out in our lives as young leaders.

Eva and Elisheva from Haifa led a creative activity and discussion about male/female stereotypes. The group was not willing to give up the positive stereotypes of being female, but did not want those stereotypes to block us from developing our minds and focusing on our careers. We agreed that society shouldn't be so judgmental about gender-roles and committed to taking the time to teach ourselves and then society as a whole to be open-minded, tolerant and accepting of people's differences. **All of us noticed the differences in the way we thought about these ideas after the year in Nisan.**

For the evening's finale, Calanit led us in liberating and peaceful American folk-songs like "Lean on Me," "You Got a Friend," and, the group favorite, "If I Had a Hammer." We learned how to make chocolate-marshmallow-cookie "smares" and concluded that smores are good for your soul.

Day 3 After a hike through the "Rainbow Cave," where we heard the last of the mythological stories explaining the geographical features of the land, we crawled into the so-called "Leopard Cave." Twisting and turning, much of our way we found in the darkness. When we finally reached daylight, I found I was covered in mud and felt great satisfaction.

For dessert, we took a leisurely walk around Acco. We then boarded a ferry-boat, asked the Captain to turn on some dance music, and sailed out into the Mediterranean. We went wild, dancing and jumping around with the waves. It was great fun!!! We had such a good laugh! All of us felt that the trip was too short.

At the closing discussion I could see how much this experience meant to everyone and how we had become a group. This trip was about challenging ourselves and learning to help each other. Our common desire to overcome difficulties ensured that, by the end, we were a unified group. Perhaps we did not resolve the entire Arab-Jewish conflict, but we proved that despite differences and controversy, we have a lot in common.

Now, as alumnae, when we say Nisan's motto we can really understand its meaning: "You and I will change the world!" For that we can thank the Nisan staff and guides.

From the Founder



Shalom and Marhaba,

Inspired by the accomplishments of the young women on the "Outdoor Challenge," this issue of Nisan News examines an essential but often overlooked factor for successful leadership: good health. In the unique Nisan leadership development programs, physical well-being is one of the many subjects investigated by the young women. I hope that you enjoy reading about our activities in the newsletter.

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Thank you and To your health!

Calanit Dovere
Founder

New at Nisan!

It is hard to believe that it has been almost a year since I joined Nisan Young Women Leaders as Executive Director! I am proud to report that the organization continues to stride forward, with many exciting developments in its programs and administration.

The 1997-1998 Leadership Development Program participants in Haifa and Tira completed the program's Basics Course segment and have begun to plan their Independent Projects. Utilizing recently acquired knowledge and tools, each participant identifies and studies a problem affecting her community. The projects are an opportunity for the young women to demonstrate their commitment and capability as agents of change and their potential as leaders.



Sana Salech-Zreik (lower right, pictured with Palestinian and Jordanian colleagues) represented Nisan in July at the "Middle East Conference of Young Women" sponsored by European Youth-Norway in Amman, Jordan.

This Fall, Nisan is initiating five Leadership Development Programs (LDPs): in Haifa (5th year), Kfar Saba with Tira (3rd year), Taibe with Kfar Yona (new), Abelin with Misgav (new), and Nazareth with Nazareth Elite (new). The Ministry of Education will grant full-credit for the fulfillment of the community service requirement to LDP participants in tenth-grade. This year's improved LDP facilitator training seminar will guarantee the highest levels of efficacy and achievement moving to our goals. (See "Facilitating Leadership.") At this opportunity, I would like to welcome Rotem Ilani, the new Program Coordinator, and the new facilitators to the Nisan team.

Alumnae are becoming increasingly involved in the organization through Board of Directors sub-committees, lectures, the Hebrew/Arabic newsletter, and the Young Women's Resource Center activities. The oldest alumnae, now 20 years old, are just finishing their university studies or army service. As they re-enter the "real world" and face its challenges as adults, many are utilizing Nisan as a comfortable venue for advice and support. Next year, we will begin to hire them as LDP facilitators!

My first few months at Nisan have been inspiring and very productive. I look forward to continued and multiplied accomplishments in the future.

Sana Salech-Zreik
Executive Director

Nisan Young Women Leaders welcomes new Program Coordinator



In June, Rotem Ilani joined the Nisan executive staff as Program Coordinator. She is responsible for managing and implementing Nisan's Leadership Development Programs, alumnae activities, and the Young Women's Resource Center. Working together with the Executive Director, her tasks include overseeing curriculum development, coordinating program staff, specialists and advisors, maintaining contact with participants, parents and schools, and related administrative tasks.

"I view my work in Nisan as an opportunity to contribute my knowledge, experience, and creativity to the development of leadership among Jewish and Arab young women - a most important goal," Rotem explained. "I hope to convey the essentials of the feminist world-view, emphasizing every woman's right to determine her own identity and create her own destiny, to these diverse young women notwithstanding the differences that exist in their lives."

Rotem brings her expertise in development of training and empowerment programs for community leadership, educational advancement, and child welfare, specifically for women and girls. Before joining Nisan, she was based in Beer-Sheva and held the positions of Regional Director of the Early Childhood Development Foundation, Volunteer Coordinator at Genesis Volunteer Advocacy Organization, Bedouin Student's Advisor in Kay College, and Tel Sheva Local Council Community Worker. She holds a BA in Social Work from Ben Gurion University and is currently completing her Master Degree in Art Therapy at Lesley College. She is fluent in Hebrew, Arabic, and English.

Rotem's first weeks have been action-packed. She has assisted in organizing the Outdoor Challenge, an alumnae event, the Facilitator Training Seminar, and is leading the annual update of the Leadership Development Program curriculum. "I have already gotten to know the staff and alumnae, and I am very much looking forward to meeting the young women that will join us next year. The fact that the organization has a genuine balance between Jews and Arabs at every level from the Board of Directors to the members is unique. **I am proud to be part of Nisan Young Women Leaders' team.**"

a half from Tira to Haifa and back each day, only emphasizes how worthwhile and outstanding this experience was for me. Being in the course was like being with family - the Nisan family. Its members are caring, concerned people and also very professional facilitators who will surely achieve great things. I am looking forward to our 'reunions' at monthly staff meetings."

"No such thing as *No Can Do*."

By Kariman Abed el-Hai, Age 17, LDP Class of 1996, Tira/Kfar Saba

In June, Nisan alumnae hosted Tzvia Chiel, the 20 year-old founder of a "self-help" support group for parents of young women with eating disorders and a survivor of Anorexia Nervosa. The meeting was one of the Nisan Young Women's Resource Center's periodic lecture series.



Tzvia Cheil

Tzvia Chiel is a brave young woman and a leader. Her lecture to the Nisan alumnae about eating disorders was an extremely important opportunity for us. Tzvia's account of her battle with Anorexia helped me understand the importance of good health to my own growth and development.

Anorexia occurs as a result of excessive dieting and exercise. The disease has terrible physical consequences. Victims suffer from fragile, easily breakable bones, jaundice (yellowed skin), no menstruation and other extreme hormonal reactions. Women who suffered from Anorexia as teenagers may not be able to have children. The disease also causes girls to become very depressed and to ignore even their closest friends. If girls with Anorexia are not cured, they die very young.

Tzvia founded a support organization to help families of girls with the disease seven months ago. The group has already helped over 200 families to find the information, resources, and most importantly, the compassion and empathy they need. Because she has had and recovered from the disease, she is able to relate to the victims in a very personal way.

There are only two centers that offer professional support services for those with eating disorders in Israel. They are extremely expensive and inaccessible to most of the young people who require their services. The Ministry of Health does not recognize any eating disorder as a disease and so victims are not eligible for health insurance coverage. Tzvia is a leader of the campaign to raise awareness. She hopes to change the Israeli perception and response to the disease and those that suffer from it.

All the Nisan Alumnae agreed with Tzvia's message: A young woman's value must not be judged by whether she is fat or thin. The beauty within every girl should be recognized both by society and by herself. Real friends are not made by appearance, rather they are attracted by the kind of person you are. If you are healthy, you will be a happier, better person for your friends, family, and most importantly, for yourself.

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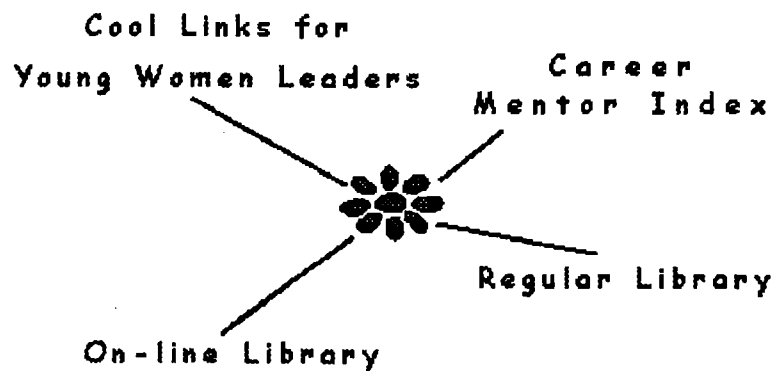
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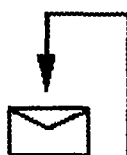
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Bel Air, CA USA - Thursday, March 25, 1999 at 15:43:46 (EST)

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Maxine Dove <DESK212@aol.com>

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haifa, israel - Wednesday, February 10, 1999 at 07:09:30 (EST)

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We think your website is great! The presentation is wonderful. We encourage you young women leaders to keep up the good work!

Serene and Yara

Nazareth, Israel - Wednesday, November 25, 1998 at 13:12:11 (EST)

Please put me on your mailing list. Thanks.

Michele Kaplan-Green <promak@netvision.net.il>

Raanana, Israel - Wednesday, October 28, 1998 at 07:54:40 (EST)

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Advertising, movies and television. Arab and Israeli women. Thank you

Avram Mandell <Avram24@aol.com>

Jerusalem, IS IS - Monday, October 26, 1998 at 09:14:46 (EST)

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US, Australia - Friday, October 16, 1998 at 20:55:10 (EDT)

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Mike Cook <hopper42@hotmail.com>

Taos, NM USA - Tuesday, October 06, 1998 at 10:18:38 (EDT)

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san gabriel, ca usa - Friday, August 21, 1998 at 01:52:04 (EDT)

Your work is improving and enriching the lives of young women not only in Israel...but throughout the world. It is an honor to share my name with your organization. Signed, a male supporter.

Nisan Asher Banin <Yukio76@aol.com>

United States - Wednesday, July 29, 1998 at 17:27:41 (EDT)

Glad to have come across your excellent site and clearly high quality work. I am a Human Resource Consultant involved in all aspects of Training and advice to developing situations. I regularly visit Israel and the West Bank in association with work we support through a British Childrens Christian Charity - maybe we can keep in touch/ Best wishes John

John Wells <Internationalexcel@compuserve.com>

Guildford, Surrey Great Britain - Tuesday, July 28, 1998 at 06:46:09 (EDT)

Thanks for a page for girls who relate w/ other girls!

Chantel Franks

Kilgore , Tx U.S.A. - Monday, July 27, 1998 at 19:43:51 (EDT)

After a long time that I was not in touch, it is very exciting to see the progress in the programs. I wish you great success in the future! (Facilitator Haifa 1995-1997)

Irit Bach

Tel Aviv, Israel - Tuesday, July 07, 1998 at 05:40:16 (EDT)

It is wonderful to see the blossoming of dreams fulfilled. Congratulations to the current and future members of Nisan. May you go from strength to strength!

Maxine Bender Dover <desk212@aol.com>

New York, NY USA - Sunday, June 14, 1998 at 17:13:08 (EDT)

What a wonderful site! I love what you do and this is just an even more wonderful way of showing the world the incredible creativity that exists in Israel today!

Esther Lederman <mazkir@habonimdror.org>

New York, NY USA - Thursday, June 04, 1998 at 19:14:10 (EDT)

An excellent site, long live equality in every sense of the word. Thankyou
Orit Praag <praag@netvision.net.il>

Israel - Thursday, June 04, 1998 at 15:39:26 (EDT)

It is nice to see that some people are rising above the political rhetoric, and trying to bring about true peace!

Arthur R. Stein <arstein@uakron.edu>

Cuyahoga Falls, OH USA - Wednesday, May 20, 1998 at 00:33:51 (EDT)

A bright and informative site - congratulations on your good work!

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London, U.K. - Friday, May 15, 1998 at 16:45:02 (EDT)

Very interesting site..well organized and easy to follow.

Linda

NY United States - Sunday, May 10, 1998 at 11:57:47 (EDT)

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Can enter anytime - hot meal, bed, shower for 3 mos.

- family, another institute

Staff - 10 people (social workers)

average - 20 @ a time

60% of adolescents have suffered from violence

some carry weapons to school

New immigrants - a problem (Ethiopians, Russians)

Elem - Youth in Distress in Israel

Organizational Background and History:

Elem - Youth in Distress in Israel, was established in 1982 by a group of professionals and lay volunteers in Israel and America in order to help troubled Israeli teenagers become productive adults. Elem deals with the initiation, development and operation of outreach, educational and consultation programs for the support of youth at risk, and for the treatment and rehabilitation of under - privileged, neglected, abused, alienated and delinquent Youth.

Since its formation Elem has gone a long way. What has been achieved to date has been an extraordinary collaborative effort by volunteers, both professional and lay, paid staff and an equally unparalleled cooperative venture with Israel's various Ministries, municipalities and many other public agencies. Together, the government of Israel and Elem, have launched a series of initiatives to reach out to alienated youth, to house, treat, educate and support troubled youth in more practical and broadly successful ways than any of the parties might have achieved acting alone. In its early years Elem devoted much of its resources to the development of out of home settings in Israel and championed the development of Community Based Hostels for severely neglected and delinquent youth. Gradually Elem expanded, initiating, encouraging and supporting a long list of innovative programs in response to the growing needs of alienated youth, including homeless, runaway/throwaway and other anomie youth who have left families and communities and migrated to the streets of Israel's major cities. Elem has opened Crisis Shelters for homeless youth in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and has mobilised outreach vans and street teams and operates counselling centres for youth. Elem has placed special emphasis in the last few years on the problem of immigrant youth at risk - both from the former USSR and from Ethiopia.

Mission and Goals:

When founded, Elem articulated a three-fold mission: First, to, design and model effective treatment and rehabilitation services for troubled, neglected, abused and adjudicated delinquent youth. Secondly; to measure outcomes and disseminate information about effective interventions (via publications, seminars, conferences and forums) to professionals involved with youth and

youth related services in both governmental and public agencies. And last but not least to advance public awareness of the various problem concerning youth at risk and in distress. Inherent in Elem's approach is the importance of promoting and maintaining the value of volunteer action for youth in distress.

Elem's goals:

- To develop intervention and treatment programs that enable the return of adjudicated, alienated, exploited and abused youth to a productive self-satisfying role in Israeli society.
- To design prototypical programs that demonstrate effective outreach, treatment and rehabilitation methodologies.
- To advance preventive programs for youth at risk.
- To develop and disseminate knowledge and information about youth programs for replication by other service providers, and for the teaching and training of professionals involved with youth and youth related services in both governmental and public agencies, (through research, publications, seminars, conferences, round table forums and other practical academic activities).
- To take part in the design and development of national prevention strategies that will enable Israel to more effectively prevent the further alienation of its most precious resource, its youth.
- To promote public awareness of the various issues concerning youth at risk, and to advocate their cause in the public and political arena.
- To maintain and promote the values of volunteering for adolescents at risk.
- To advance its mission and its goals through developing partnerships and collaborative endeavors with all public youth agencies and NGOs', with professionals and volunteers, and development of public, financial and professional support throughout the Jewish world.

Youth Target Groups;

As a group, the population of alienated youth, including unemployed adolescent school drop-outs, adjudicated delinquents, and homeless runaway / throwaway street youth is estimated to be as high as 11.8 % of all Israeli youth. Accordingly, Over 60,000 adolescents (between the ages of 13 – 18) are defined as youth in distress and at high risk.

Today, a large and growing number of Israel's alienated youth are the children of its most recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia (estimated between 20 - 25 % of all alienated youth).

Many of the adolescent children of these families are trapped between two worlds. They are embarrassed and resentful of their family's poverty, dependence on government and concomitant low social status. They reject the values of their parents as part of their intransigent "old ways". At the same time they feel rejected by their adolescent peers from Israel's "mainstream" society and often by the educational system as well. Many dropout of school. Some form into gangs. Some steal and commit other petty crimes. Other children become prey for exploiting adults. Among these "street people" Elem staff have encountered a high number of young girls, runaways or throwaways from home, they arrive in the large cities with little money, few if any friends, and little in the way of skills to enable them to get a job. Homeless and soon hungry, they become vulnerable in every respect. Elem, to address this newly emerging phenomenon, is now of initiating programs designed specifically for young women at risk.

Program development:

Elem, in 1982, initiated what was to become the first of six community-based residential homes for adjudicated youth in Kiryat Gat. Over the years others were opened in Ashkelon, Beersheva, Tiberias, Jerusalem and Ashdod, Ashdod being the first facility designed exclusively for girls. Each of these homes caters for 12-16 boys or girls at a time. Elem's success, evidenced by the fact that 85 % of the "graduates" of its community-based residences were found to be able to mainstream into the broader Israeli society as self-supporting, productive citizens, led to a request by the Ministry of Welfare for Elem to provide and develop educational enrichment programs, new therapeutic interventions and vocational education services for the youthful residents in the 40 Hostels and Institutional facilities for adjudicated, neglected and abused youth operated by the Ministry.

Elem initiated crisis centers, jointly with the Ministry of Welfare and the Municipalities of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, designed to outreach, and treat an array of homeless, runaway/ throwaway alienated street youth in both cities. Outreach Vans cruise the streets throughout the night, locating street youth and providing them with emergency food, medical attention and informal counseling and refer them to the Crisis Drop-in Centers that serve to connect those youth ready to

leave their destructive, exploitive street life to a network of social service youth provider agencies. Over 1200 youth have been treated in both centers in the last three and a half years. Hundreds more have been supported directly in the street.

In 1994, in recognition of the special needs for support evidenced by growing numbers of young women from the Russian immigrant communities experiencing difficulties in adjusting to life in their new country, Elem initiated an outreach and community support program for Russian girls. In 1994, Elem also began a program to assist troubled and acting out Ethiopian youth in the town of Netanya, and in 1996 Elem initiated a major enterprise in order to aid Ethiopian troubled and often abused girls. Last year Elem opened in The New Central Bus Station in Tel Aviv, the first of what has now to become a National Net-Work of "Youth Counseling and Support Centers" focusing on the needs of new immigrant youth. The center was opened in May 1997 as a Youth "Coffee Shop" which functions as a counseling, information and support center for youth from Ethiopia, Russia, Caucasus and veteran Israeli Youth in crisis, at risk and in transient situations. During the first year of operation over 1000 youth have been helped at the new center. 54 % of them new immigrants.

Policy making and program evaluation: In support of these activities, as changing needs dictate, Elem carries out a program of social research to review outcomes, develop long-term strategies and stimulate scholarly, publication -worthy professional studies by Israeli social service professionals that can help municipalities and agencies experiencing similar problems with alienated and/or delinquent youth in their communities. Elem sponsors forums and exchanges between and among social service professionals from voluntary agencies, government ministries and academic institutions to develop coherent, holistic strategies and cooperative efforts to combat and prevent delinquency in Israel.

Evaluation of new and innovative programs has been one of Elem's major goals since it was established over 15 years ago. Throughout the years over a dozen of Elem's programs have been evaluated by external research teams, and almost all other programs include an internal evaluation and monitoring component. To inforce both the evaluation process and dissemination of knowledge Elem established in 1993, jointly with the **School of Social Work at Tel Aviv University**, the **"The Forum for Children and Youth Affairs"** a professional academic platform

for the purpose of promoting research, imparting knowledge, formulating field theories and a advancing Youth policy in Israel. The Forum operates out of the belief that there is a real need for expanding the existing knowledge about the world of children and youth in general and the populations at risk in particular and with the aim of being a bridge between academia and the field and between knowledge accrued from actual interventions and theory and research.

Voluntarism in Elem:

To date, Elem's Boards, headed in Israel by Mr. Abraham Ben Shoshan and in America headed by Mrs. Ann Bialkein,, are active and involved bodies. Over sixty volunteers serve on both Boards, and a similar number are active on various sub committees. Elem's Board members are highly involved in the on-going running of the association. The Boards meet once a month, and hold two or three retreats a year. Five sub committees in Israel help guide Elem's daily activities: the professional advisory committee, the financial committee, the fund raising and events committee, the field volunteer committee and a planning committee. Many Board members are also in charge of specific areas and projects. As the leading voluntary non-profit organization in the area of Youth in distress in Israel, Elem has in the last few years gradually increased the numbers of volunteers who are directly involved in various settings which treat marginal youth. A few hundred volunteers are now involved in field activities. Based on many years of experience, Elem has initiated opening a national center for promoting direct voluntary activities for children and youth at risk and in distress.

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Subject: Additional Thoughts, as discussed. I have also contacted Mrs. Barak's aide and expect answers on which event she prefers some time tonight.

Edgard

The First Lady's visit to Israel:

Themes and events:

The First Lady's visit should focus on highlighting her support for Israel and concern for reconciliation between Jews and Arabs, as well as her more traditional interests in women's issues. The main message of her trip should be that Mrs. Clinton is absolutely committed to Israel and its security. The secondary message should be to show the First Lady's strong support for the human dimensions of the Peace Process and successful examples of reconciliation between Jews and Arabs, as well as her interest in the role of women in Israeli society.

Israel's unique circumstances will make it difficult, if not impossible, to separate the domestic and foreign elements of this trip. The trip's goals and objectives should be carefully thought out because the domestic political cost of mistakes is high. That said, Israel is one place where "sightseeing" is positive: Israelis and American supporters of Israel like it when senior officials visit the country because they believe that this strengthens understanding of Israel.

We support the initial decision to spend one day outside of the Jerusalem/Tel Aviv. This will help the First Lady show her interest in Israel and to connect with the broader Israeli public. It will bring other parts of the country to the attention of the U.S. domestic audience, and offers the possibility of generating compelling visual images.

We recommend that the trip be structured to focus media attention on the main themes, with two major events each day. Each day should feature speech or set of remarks with the main theme, preferably before a compelling backdrop, and the other a more focused roundtable session featuring a complimentary theme. In addition, she should visit to a Christian religious site in the North (Mount of the Beatitudes, Nazareth, or the remains of the house believed to be where Peter and Jesus lived in Capernaum). Few groups are likely to criticize such a visit, while it will probably create pictures that will be picked up by the U.S. media. One possible scenario might be the following:

We recommend that the original notional schedule (June 24 in the north, and June 25th in Jerusalem) be reversed because the second day is a Friday, which will make it difficult to schedule Jerusalem events due to the Sabbath.

Jerusalem:

Down Time (leaving open the possibility of OTR sightseeing)

Courtesy Call with the PM

Visit Yad Sarah (Mrs. Weizman's organization -- this is likely to be non-negotiable. Luckily, it is an impressive organization and an attractive site.

Lunch. If Barak hasn't formed a government, this may need to include Mrs. Netanyahu. The lunch should probably be with a group such as women students, so as to allow us the most control over the event. If Barak is in office, we will have more flexibility.

Women's Legal Roundtable. Some of Israel's most prominent legal figures are women, including Supreme Court justices, the Prosecutor General, senior officials in the Ministry of Justice, public interest lawyers, and other private lawyers. The First Lady could hold a roundtable at the Israeli Supreme Court (a visually impressive building) with them to discuss legal and social issues of interest. Alternatively, this event could be held at the Democracy Institute to take advantage of their superb conference room.

Visit to Elem, organization for Children at Risk. This is one of Mrs. Barak's organizations, which the pre-advance team visited.

Downtime for speech prep.

Speech, at a location TBD.

Dinner with the Weizman's at their official residence.

RON

Day in the North

Meeting with Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) Women Soldiers followed by remarks. This would take place at Beit Gavriel, an attractive facility that offers meeting rooms, an auditorium, and the possibility of outdoor remarks with the Sea of Galilee and the Golan Heights in the background. Beit Gavriel was the site of negotiations between the late Prime Minister Rabin and King Hussein, two leaders with whom the Clintons had strong personal bonds. The theme would be the First Lady's support for Israel, its security, and the Peace Process. The smaller meeting could be with a group of Ethiopian and Russian immigrants now doing their military service, and highlight the fact that Israel, like the U.S., is an immigrant society. Focusing on women soldiers has several benefits: they highlight successful integration into Israeli society, they are a symbol of Israel's willingness to make sacrifices for security (no other country conscripts women to the extent Israel does), and they are very popular with Israel's U.S. supporters.

Visit to Christian Holy Sites: The First Lady could go to the Mount of the Beatitudes and to Capernaum, which are located next to each other. The former has beautiful gardens and a church that overlooks the Sea of Galilee, while the latter has impressive archaeological excavations, including the remains of the house where Peter and Jesus are believed to have lived. Visiting these sites would be interesting for the First Lady, resonate with many Americans, and would probably produce pictures that would be picked up by the Israeli and U.S. media.

Visit to Haifa: This should be scaled back both for reasons of time and to focus media coverage. We recommend limiting the program to two or three events:

- a lunch at Haifa University with an appropriate group – possibly immigrants, possibly women leaders, possibly a mixed group of Russian, Ethiopian, and other students.

- a roundtable meeting with leaders of Israeli Arab women's NGOs. There are a considerable number of dynamic and effective NGOs in Israel's Arab community that deal with issues ranging from legal rights to sexual abuse to health to the environment. Women run many of these organizations, and a number deal specifically with women's issues. Donations from the American Jewish community are a major source of funding for Arab community NGOs. The First Lady could have a roundtable meeting with representatives from leading NGOs to discuss issues facing the Arab community, including coexistence, equality, education, greater equality for women, and economic opportunity.

- A visit/reception at the top of the Bahai gardens, at the Haifa promenade, overlooking the bay. This would provide a beautiful visual image and would be an opportunity to highlight the U.S. connection to Haifa (particularly in its role as a host for 6th Fleet port visits), thank the Mayor and the woman who runs the USO office (she is legendary in Israel for her energetic efforts on behalf of the Fleet).

Visit to Caesaria: This might be scaled back from a dinner with the Weizmans to coffee, along with a brief tour by Mrs. Weizman.

Shabbat Dinner with the Barak's at their house in Kochav Yair. This would send a strong message of intimacy and good relations, as well as have the added hook of a Shabbat dinner.

Return to Jerusalem

RON

Alternatively, if Mrs. Barak wants to take the First Lady to the Rabin Medical Center in Petah Tikva, this would replace Elem on Thursday. See attached fax. Unfortunately, it means a one hour drive each way. One possibility would be to do it in the afternoon. Another would be to do it after the speech and then have dinner with the Baraks in Kochav Yair (which is relatively close). This would then mean having dinner with the Weizman's on Friday night, rather than coffee.

Notional Schedule for the Pre-Advance Team
Visit of the First Lady to
Israel, Jerusalem, and the West Bank

parents pay 7-4pm

Sunday, May 23, 1999

TBD Arrive Allenby Bridge -- Met by Control Officer
 TBD + 30 min. Arrive Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem
 8:00 pm Informal Working Dinner with Embassy and ConGen Staff
 RON Hilton Hotel

Na'amat Day Care Ctr.
 3 mos → 4 yr. old

20

founded in 1920s
 for working mothers

2 yr. training

volunteer org.
 Min. of Health / Min. of Labor

Monday, May 24, 1999

old city

9:00 am Entry Meeting with GOI at Foreign Ministry
 10:00 am Depart Foreign Ministry
 10:15 am Visit Yad Vashem
 11:00 am Visit Supreme Court - High Court of Israel - 17 seats / round table - round room
 11:00 am Visit Na'amat - Yad Sarah 100 people
 12:00 pm Visit Van Leer Institute (possible speech/meeting site) - 200 seats / 100-120 people round room
 1:00 pm Lunch at the Mahane Yehuda Market
 2:00 pm Visit Hebrew University / Mount Scopus -- see possible meeting sites, as well as
 Auditorium and Amphitheatre (possible speech sites) 300 5000 people
 3:15 pm Visit Hebrew Union College -- see auditorium (possible speech site) synagogue 180
 4:00 pm Visit Na'amat Day Care Center
 5:00 pm Visit Democracy Institute (Mrs. Barak)
 5:45 pm Visit Jerusalem Theatre (possible speech site) Mrs. Barak
 6:30 pm Tbd (Hold for possible Mrs. Barak site) Elem - Youth in Distress
 8:00 pm Informal Dinner -- American Colony Hotel Pres. & Mrs. Weizman host event(s)
 RON Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem President's House

15- welfare (parents who are
 on drugs etc.
 Social worker 3 x a wk.

100 people

synagogue 180

Elem - Youth in Distress

highlight connection to Rabin
 she fundraiser for it
 presented award

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

7:15 am Depart Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem
 (Drive Time -- 1 hour and 45 minutes)
 9:00 am Visit Beit Gavriel
 9:30 am Depart Beit Gavriel for Haifa
 (Drive Time -- 1 hour and 30 minutes)

10-12 people - lunch / dinner
 Thursday or Friday dinner
 a possibility

Israelis logistically prefer starting visit Thurs. in Jerusalem
 Friday - Haifa

30 min.
 to Tel Aviv

Jerusalem
 Mt. of
 Netanyahu
 Barak
 Westman

Dinner
 w/ Barak
 Tel Aviv

speech?

Yad Sarah

Largest + volunteer org. - 85 branches throughout countries

help old / ill people stay @ home

started ~~20~~²² yrs ago

1 family out of 3 - borrowed equipment from here

deposits for equipment

6000 volunteers

Alarm watch - alerts Yad Sarah - speak by remote / loud speaker

*connected those @ home to the internet

Geriatric Dental Clinic

Mrs. Weizman is a volunteer in the ending department

mornings - more activities going on. - Thursdays are best / Fridays - only ending dept

next door to Rabin's grave

all the facilities to help disabled in one site

Other countries have come to study the model

80-90% donations (overseas, also)

Arabs, Israelis, ultra-orthodox, liberal Jews - all working together

NY - Manhattan, Brooklyn

The Israel Democracy Institute

George Shultz Round Table Forum

Non partisan think tank

Exploring different ways of strengthening democracy - long range policy

recommendations

election system

overseeing of gov't.

decentralizing gov't.

Communication + democracy

religion v. state

private funding

Bahai World Center

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 11:00 am Arrive Haifa -- Visit Bahai World Center
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~~12:00~~ pm Visit Beit HaGefen
 12:45 pm Visit Women to Women Center
 1:30 pm Lunch
 2:30 pm Visit Center for Educational Guidance for Arab Students (CEGAS)
~~3:45~~ ^{3:15} pm Visit Golda Meir Center
~~4:30~~ ^{4:00} pm Visit Haifa University
~~5:30~~ ^{5:00} pm Visit Hi-Tech Company ~~Net Vision~~
 5:45 pm Depart Haifa for Caesaria

(Drive Time: 30 Minutes)

6:15 pm Visit Caesaria

7:30 pm Depart Caesaria

(Drive Time: 45 minutes)

8:15 pm Dinner in Tel Aviv

9:30 pm Depart Tel Aviv for Jerusalem

(Drive Time: 1 hour)

10:30 pm Arrive Jerusalem

RON: Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem

NetVision

US% email to U.S. goes thru NetVision
 few women managers in High-tech
 husband ran NetManage (a Silicon valley co.)
 that needed an Israeli subsidiary

Visit w/ Mayor
 of Haifa Municipality

Haifa University [Highest %]

16-17% Arab students

13,000 students

Jewish Arab center

Haifa Univ. Background negotiations

(a) Osho

high % Arab experts/instructors

very urban college - lots of computers

center for women's studies -
advancement

If she were to do only
 one or the other -
 is there a preference
 of Jerusalem or Caesaria?



**Call, Write, or Drop by when
you're in Israel**

Haifa Rape Crisis Center

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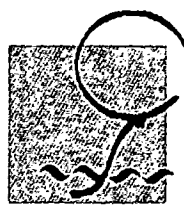
Isha L'Isha: Feminist Center

04-853-0159, fax: 04-851-1954

Haifa Battered Women's Hotline

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קואליצית נשים חיפה

ائتلاف الجمعيات النسائية حيفا

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INITIATIVES

NEW INITIATIVES BY WOMEN



Members of the Haifa Women's Coalition gather outside the New Initiatives headquarters. Use of the facilities is made possible by a donation from the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston.

Volunteers Take The Initiative

The Haifa Women's Coalition was proud to have four volunteers from Project OTZMA join us this spring. Project OTZMA is a ten month program for college graduates to foster relations between the US and Israel, including as an integral part of its program community service and volunteer work. A warm thank you to Lisa Berliant from Milwaukee, Danit Polunsky from Phoenix, Anne Tishkoff from Washington D.C., and Cheryl Weiner from Boston who produced this issue of "New Initiatives By Women" during their two-week volunteer elective period. In addition, through the Greater Boston Federation of the C.J.P., Cheryl worked at the Haifa Women's Coalition to foster relations between the sister cities of

Boston and Haifa for two months as a fundraising intern on her community service track. The Haifa Women's Coalition and OTZMA plan to keep these volunteer options available in the future.

WHO ARE WE?

We are three grassroots organizations working together and independently to better the status of women in Northern Israel. The Haifa Women's Coalition includes: Haifa Rape Crisis Center, Isha L'Isha -- Haifa Feminist Center and the Haifa Battered Women's Hotline. We work unilaterally to affect change on local, regional and national levels for all women. Jewish and Arab women, new immigrant and native Israeli

women, Ashkenzic and Sephardic women lead, initiate and make decisions at the Coalition.

NEWS FLASH

The latest initiative to develop new services for the women's community this year came from a group of staff and volunteers who began to set up a new organization, called "Kayan" - a feminist organization for Arab women. Kayan is in the initial stages of determining their goals and methods of operation, and their target group, and have begun to bring feminist awareness into the Arab sector. Kayan will be the newest addition to the Haifa Women's Coalition constellation of organizations.

Work is now underway to form a broad based Coalition of Women's organizations in Haifa which will meet in order to seek to make changes and improve the status of women in Israeli society. To this end, the Haifa Women's Crisis Shelter has decided to withdraw its formal membership in the Haifa Women's Coalition and instead, to be a participant in the broader soon to be announced Coalition. The Shelter, which was established by the Haifa Women's Coalition, is located in a separate facility from the other members and although withdrawing officially, still considers itself a sister organization with other women's organizations seeking to eradicate all forms of violence against women and to advance the status of women.

Editors: **Elana Dorfman, Lauri Fine Friedman, Batya Salzman Levy, Paula Kass Mills.**



A woman who is being beaten by her husband or boyfriend often feels as if every possibility of hope has been taken away from her. The Haifa Battered Women's Hotline has been an opportunity for many women in Haifa to receive their first step towards hope. The Hotline, which was founded in 1990, has served the Haifa community as a provider of legal aid, counseling and support to women survivors of domestic violence. 1997 was a year of significant changes for the Hotline. In January, the new government decided to channel all funds in connection to domestic violence through the battered women shelters per woman staying in the shelter leaving practically no funding for the Haifa Battered Women's Hotline. The Hotline was on the verge of closing when suddenly its fortune changed. In May 1997, the Office of the Prime Minister of Israel sponsored a three-week national media campaign on the subject of domestic violence, publicly encouraging battered women to seek out help. Along with the media campaign, the Prime Minister's office and the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs decided to create a National Hotline, where battered

women could call toll-free for advice and assistance. The government having very little knowledge or experience in the area of running a hotline turned to the Haifa Battered Women's Hotline to act as the National Hotline. The purpose of the Hotline is to answer calls from battered women including those that the media campaign generated, provide crisis counseling and referrals to an estimated 200,000 battered women nationwide. Since its inception as a National Hotline in May, through December 1997, the Hotline answered 3200 calls from victims of domestic violence. This number is expected to reach 5000 during 1998, the volume of calls has required double the number of volunteers to answer and assist the callers. Despite the fact that the government initiated this project, they do not pay the full cost to run the Hotline. The Hotline continues to need funding from private sources to run all of its special outreach programs. Despite the dedicated work of the Hotline and its expert staff, and dozens of trained volunteers, battery and domestic violence continue to plague Israeli society. The

statistics for 1997 show that twenty-five women were murdered by their husbands, ex-husbands and boyfriends. Every time the murder of a woman is publicized the calls to the Hotline increase dramatically. The Haifa Battered Women's Hotline runs extensive community outreach in all of the diverse communities in Israel and in four languages: Hebrew, Arabic, Amharic (the Ethiopian language) and Russian. We hope that the next generation of Israeli women will be more informed and empowered about how to prevent the next victim, and to stop the cycle of violence. Perhaps the strongest testament to the Hotline's impact comes from the women themselves. As Estie Ohanna wrote about the lawyer who assisted her through the Legal Aid project: "I come from the world of a battered woman, today with your help, I can shout out loud: 'Never again a battered woman.' Now I have renewed strength, security, and pride. Who knows better than you, that for a battered woman, security equals light, breath, life. Thank you for giving me the chance to start anew."

Anne Tishkoff

Dear Diary,

"Today in school we saw a movie on date rape. I never really understood the definition of rape before. It really makes me think about what happened last summer" diary entry represents a common response among the high school students who participate in the Youth Violence Prevention Project, presented by the Haifa Battered Women's Hotline and the Rape Crisis Center. The Youth Violence Prevention Project has been in operation for three years. In 1997 alone over 150 workshops and lectures were presented at various schools and institutions throughout Israel. The primary function of the program is changing attitudes about violence against women. A second purpose of the YVPP is providing support for teens involved in violent relationships. Every age group has a different workshop

and lecture. For 8th and 9th graders, "The Trial" is presented dealing with the early stages of relationships, helping the participants learn about mutual respect. For 10th through 12th graders, "The Moment After" presents common conflicts within sexual situations. Following the film, the students are divided into small groups to process the new information. For example, "The Moment After", deals with date rape, after which the students share their reactions and opinions about interpersonal boundaries in relationships. Each group is facilitated by both a man and a woman who lead the discussion following the film. Inbal, the coordinator of the project, explains the theory behind the male and female facilitators as a way to "show the class a role model situation where there is equal communication between a man and a woman." At times, during the presentation itself, there are several common responses:

for example, some young women leave the classroom as they personally identify with the issues and find their ensuing feelings overwhelming. During the class, young women express their needs less vocally, predominately through body language, often not actively seeking out assistance, yet crying out for help. The project provides an excellent opportunity for consciousness raising as well as offering support and counseling to victims.

Lisa Berliant

Dear Diary,

"Today I called the hotline and talked to the workshop leader from yesterday. I was so scared to pick up the phone because I never talked to anyone about this before. I have been invited to the center to talk... We will see what happens. . ."

DEMOCRACY

Starts at Home

Among the outreach programs offered by Isha L'Isha is a course at the University of Haifa, in cooperation with KIDMA, the Project for the Advancement of Women in Israel, entitled Women in a Democratic Society. The course recruits women from all walks of life, crossing age, race, religious, educational and socio-economic barriers, and offers them an education in feminist theory and women's issues, as well as the opportunity to learn assertivity and the improvement of their self-image. Some of the women who participated in the course did not complete high school while others completed university. Until 1972 Israeli families were required to pay tuition for a high school education. Often, a family would send their sons, leaving many women today who are over the age of 45 lacking a high school diploma. The most recent class was comprised of 30 women -- 14 Ethiopian, 1 Russian, 8 Druze and Bedouin Arabs, 7 Mizrahi and Ashkanazi Sabras. In order to foster stronger connections, the 30 women were broken down into multicultural subgroups of 10 each. They learned about themselves, their mothers and daughters, and their counterparts: many women found that they were not unique in their struggles. The women created an empowering and supportive environment to grow individually and as a community. Since the first course in 1996, a total of 143 women have completed the 56-hour course. In order to facilitate maximum outreach, the courses were located in ethnically mixed areas. One course was offered in an Arab village in Arabic. Lili Ben Barkyn, an older member of the most recent graduating class, explained that the language level, progress and speed of the class, was geared to the comfort level of the slowest learner. She expressed her delight at how the class

would often stop to explain words or concepts foreign to the Ethiopian or Druze women. She further described the willingness of the class participants to stop the class and ask questions for women uncomfortable and self-conscious about speaking up for themselves. I also spoke with Imevet Akale, a young woman who emigrated from Ethiopia eight years ago at the age of 16, and completed the course with Lili. Imevet explained to me the cultural barrier she had to break through in order to gain self-confidence and the ability to voice her personal opinions and experiences. She often identified with the Arab women who also come from a culture that discouraged open expressions of thoughts, feelings, and experiences. As the course progressed and the women began to bond, Imevet, and others like her, found themselves opening up and sharing their experiences. Both participants cited that

the success and lasting effect of the class was the empowerment they have achieved in their lives. They each volunteer in the community for women's rights and maintain a close relationship with the women from their subgroups, creating a support network outside of the classroom, which reaches across physical and emotional distances. Other ongoing efforts directly stemming from participation in the course "WDS" are displayed by women taking responsibility and organizing for community action. Some women join existing groups, while others have founded independent organizations. For example, there is now a crisis hotline operating in Akko from the motivated graduates of WDS. On a more personal level, some women have been able to advance in the job market, in all occupations. In fact, Nadia Abu Hamud, a Druze woman, was appointed to a position as a director on the government's National Council for Consumer Affairs. Nadia is now the first Arab woman employed in a public position; in her own words, she says the "program gave me the push to really do something."

Danit Polunsky



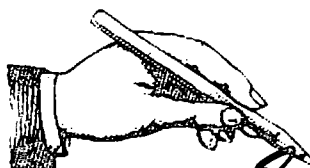
Professor Marilyn P. Safir and Elana Chernabroda are among the participants in a study day on violence against women for 130 social workers, sponsored by the Haifa Women's Coalition

The Haifa Women's Coalition mourns the passing of **Elana Chernabroda**, Haifa's Commissioner of Women's Affairs who died of cancer in May. Elana was a tireless champion of women's rights and a great supporter of the Coalition's work. Her steadfast vision and endless energy will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Passages

New Initiatives by Women would like to send a very fond farewell to outgoing Resource Coordinator for the Haifa Rape Crisis Center, Carol Goldgeier.

In her eight years at the Center, Carol was instrumental in expanding and developing the funding base for the Rape Crisis Center and the Coalition. We wish her success in her endeavors as an independent consultant for non-profit organizations (and on the birth of her son, Daniel!). Also, our very best wishes go to Aleeza Strubel, former Resource Coordinator for the Haifa Women's Crisis Shelter, on her marriage and new adventures in New York at the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. We welcome Lauri Fine Friedman and Batya Salzman Levy as Resource Coordinators for the Haifa Women's Crisis Shelter and the Haifa Rape Crisis Center, respectively.



Quotes from the Guestbook

"This place really makes me feel at home in a country that sometimes feels so absolutely foreign to me. Everyone is always in my thoughts."

Charity.

An Intern, Rutgers University

"Thank you for inviting us to visit with you and allowing us to see your center and get to know more about women's issues for women in your country. We hope that together we shall be able to unite to resolve women's issues which are all over the world."

With all of our love and admiration,
the Women of the Jordan Peace Club

"Congratulations continue the important work to provide the information on the war against violence."

Adina Revivi Gert

Jerusalem, Israel

"May your work be strengthened and grow in support and liberty. I will speak about your work in Ireland and share in your story and journey with the young women and men who work with me. Shalom."

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Dublin, Ireland

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A Safe Place to Share

It is a bright sunny day. I smell and taste the welcoming spring air as Elana's car ascends up the steep hills of Haifa, past the Bahai gardens and several kiosks. Fifteen minutes later we reach the Haifa Crisis Shelter. Armed with several dusty smelling bags of donated clothing, we make our way down a freshly paved hill and wait to be let in through the high metal gates surrounding the shelter.

This is my second visit to the shelter, to any shelter for that matter, and it is a sobering experience. Lauri Fine Friedman, Resource Coordinator of the Shelter, buzzes us in. A group of children are running and shouting on the small plot of cement that has been allotted for their outdoor recreation. I am surprised by the normality of the situation: they show no telltale signs of their traumatic experiences.

Lauri only has a few minutes to talk since she has a meeting at two o'clock and it is now 1:30. She quickly shows us the classroom and the nursery school used for the Children's Education Program, which is designed to provide an educational framework for the children. There are two Arabic and Hebrew speaking teachers in the school and one Russian and Hebrew speaking teacher in the nursery school. Amidst the gaily-hung paintings and drawings and the unfinished art projects spread out on the tables, the rooms resemble any ordinary classrooms.

Lauri then leads us inside the building and up a flight of stairs to the first of the two floors where the women and their families stay. She explains to us that the shelter has been in existence since August 1995 and serves as a temporary short-term shelter for women in emergency situations and houses up to twelve women at a time. The shelter services women from greater Israel, including Gaza and areas over the green line, bringing in women from Israeli, Palestinian, Russian, Bedouin, and Ethiopian backgrounds. During their maximum stay of six weeks, women are provided with a window of time to consider the possibilities for their futures. Upon leaving the shelter,



over 70% opt to other solutions rather than returning to their abusive husbands. As we make our way into the living room, we are greeted by an orchestra of noise: babies' cries, children's laughter and whining, and women chattering in Russian, Arabic, Hebrew, and Amharic. The women are cleaning up from lunch and the children are watching cartoons. Lauri introduces us to the women and they smile shyly at us. The children stare at us with wide eyes. I feel a series of emotions pass through me; I don't know how to interact with them. So many cultures and experiences lie between us.

We enter a narrow hallway, which leads us to bedrooms and the office of the three social workers. Lauri knocks on the bedroom door of a religious Jewish woman to show us what a standard room looks like. She is not in the room, but her ten month-old son is lying peacefully in his carriage. He responds to our company with a banter of baby talk and a mouthful of smiles. Lauri explains that his mother is expecting another child and her husband does not know of the pregnancy. He is abusive and she is not sure whether or not she should return to him.

We go up the next flight of stairs to see the other bedrooms. They all look the same: tiny, with beds crammed into them, distinguished only by the traces of the

women's few personal belongings. As we make our way back downstairs, we stop to admire a beautiful four year-old Russian boy. When we smile at him, he breaks out into a temper tantrum, shrieking at us. He runs into the lap of his mother. Another woman is crying in the kitchen for a reason which we do not know. The mother of the baby that we saw before is holding him now and she too is crying because she wants to feed him and she is frustrated. Lauri receives a phone call, so the rest of us attempt to talk to the children who are still sitting in front of the television. They respond eagerly, providing us with the meticulous details of their Purim costumes. Lauri finishes her conversation and we leave the building, returning to the warm Mediterranean sunshine. The children are all inside now because they are not allowed to be outside between the hours of two and four.

Outside, we are introduced to Irit Omanit, director of the shelter. She feels that shelters are immediate solutions to societal problems which should be dealt with as such by all government agencies. Irit provided us with several several other statistics to debunk the myth that Jewish men do not beat their wives.

Coming from an educated middle-class Jewish background, I feel that it is important to share the world that exists behind the gates with others since it is so easy to forget that it exists. As a participant this year on Project OTZMA, my knowledge about the facets of Israeli life and society have been enriched, yet I have found little information pertaining to women's issues and statuses prior to discovering the Haifa Women's Coalition. Here I have found a strong dedicated group of women devoted to improving the quality of lives of others.

Through the influence of their efforts and compassion, my consciousness and understanding of women's issues in Israel has reached a higher awareness, and it is now my intention and my responsibility to share my knowledge with others.

Cheryl Weiner



1 hr. 45 from
Jerusalem

TOUR IN PREPARATION OF THE VISIT BY
MRS. HILARY CLINTON TO HAIFA
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1999

- 11:15 – 12:00 Visit to the Baha'i Center
- 12:00 – 12:15 Transport
- 12:15 – 12:30 Visit to Beit Hagafen – Jewish-Arab Center
- 12:30 – 12:45 Transport
- 12:45 – 13:00 Visit to the Battered Women's Shelter
- 13:00 – 13:30 Transport
- 13:30 – 14:30 Visit to the Golda Meir Institute including a light lunch
- 14:30 – 15:00 Transport
- 15:00 – 15:45 Visit to Haifa University
- 15:45 – 16:00 Transport
- 16:00 – 16:30 Visit to NETVISION

Golda Meir

Founded by Golda Meir in 1961 to promote the role of

140 diff.
countries

women's NGOs - (emphasis on women)

micro credit - management course (people working in dev't. agencies

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(gov'tal
agencies,
NGOs)

short courses in
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of m.c. based
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tourism)

on local strategies

other

experience

by having

them establish

microenterprise

NGOs)

French

200-400

students

a year

looking for alternatives for women - work (close to home)

A symposium - inviting women leaders from all over the world

25 activities abroad - sent people from here abroad rather than vice versa

6/14 - course in management microcredit begins 30 people / 27 countries

umbrella that oversees NGOs in Israel

funded by Israeli Ministry of F.A.

students receive scholarships based upon selection by Israeli Embassies
throughout the world

Woman to Woman

4000 calls a year

< Haifa Battered women's Hotline - helps guide / counsel re: gov't. assistance

to use - Haifa women's coalition

Woman to Woman - tries to influence Israeli laws

Haifa Rape Crisis Center (1000 a year)

Feminist Arab women - raise status of women / Arab women

outreach to immigrants, also.

elderly women
all Arab

1/3 - 1/2 budget comes from gov't. / U.S. NGOs

largest resource center on women in Israel

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10/8/12

MEMO TO: RICHARD ROTH

FROM: EVAN RYAN

RE: FIRST LADY'S PRE-ADVANCE TEAM VISIT MAY 23-26

Haifa

- Beit Ha Fafen - Arab -Israeli co-existence
- Haifa University - meeting w/Russian and Ethiopian immigrants
- Mtg. with IDF women soldiers - Bet Gavriel?? or Haifa
- Visit to a High-tech industry run by a woman
- Nisan young women leaders

Jerusalem

- Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum
- Mtg. w/ Kosovo refugees
- Center for Democracy
- Discussion with women students at Hebrew University
- Women's Legal roundtable at the Israeli Supreme Court - law students
- Haredi Primary School - ?
- Hebrew Union College - ?
- Mtg. w/Fulbright Alumni Association
- Na'amat Day Care Center
- Speech sites

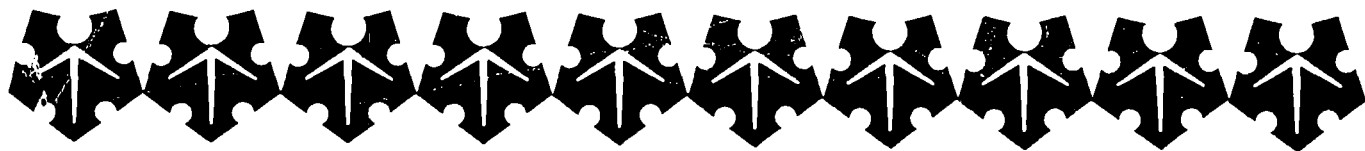
West Bank

Ramallah

- Address to Women's Affairs Technical Committee
- Ramallah Women's Training Institute
- Civil society Civic Forum town hall
- Lunch with elected women members of the Palestinian Legislative Council
- Meet with Palestinian and Israeli junior correspondents for an interview for their Hebrew-Arabic-English

Bethlehem

- Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation



מרכז ערבי יהודי לתרבות חברה נוער וספורט (ע"ר)

בית הגפן

المركز العربي اليهودي معهد ثقافي

بيت الكرمة

Arab Jewish Cultural Center

Beit Hagefen

Proposed program for the Visit of Mrs. Clinton to Beit-Hagefen

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Three alternatives, out of the following four, can be chosen:

1. Kindergarten children

Reception by 120 Arab and Jewish children (four kindergartens) waving flags of USA and Israel.

Meeting between Arab & Jewish children of two kindergartens including creative activity and games.

Location: Beit-Hagefen Ballet Hall.

2. High School students

Meeting between 150 Arab & Jewish High School students (four classes) and a panel of Religious Leaders (Cadi, Bishop, Druze & Bahai) on the subject of:

"VALUES OF TOLERANCE AND PEACE SHARED BY ALL RELIGIONS" - (only place in Israel where that can happen)

Location: Beit-Hagefen Theater Hall.

3. Art Exhibition and meeting with Artists

Visit to the Arab Artists' Art Exhibition (within the framework of Arab Book & Culture Month 1999) + meeting between 20 Arab & Jewish artists.

Location: Beit-Hagefen Art Gallery.

4. Women Conference

Conference of Arab & Jewish women, with the participation of new Knesset members (women) on the subject of:

"WOMEN REPRESENTATION IN THE KNESSET AND IN THE GOVERNMENT"

Location: Beit-Hagefen Theater Hall.

[Americans find it a little patronizing]

German/Russian Jews settled here during the war →

Industry (women's man's town)

Model for tolerance

Not an especially large Arab community

only place where Jews get along

Buses run on Saturday

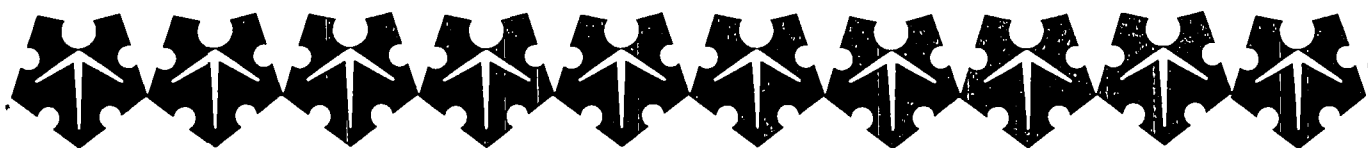
250 seats - Theater

Ballet studio -

Leo Beck H.S. -

only H.S. that is

in American model -
very diverse Jewish



מרכז ערבי יהודי לתרבות חברה נוער וספורט

בית הגפן

المركز العربي اليهودي معهد ثقافي اجتماعي رياضي

بيت الكرمة

Arab Jewish cultural community youth & sport center

Beit Hagefen

Beit Hagefen, the Arab-Jewish Center in Haifa, Israel

Beit Hagefen, the Jewish-Arab Center, operating on municipal, national and international level, was founded in 1963 in order to create a **supporting atmosphere and a social and cultural meeting place** for Jewish and Arab citizens of Haifa in particular and of the whole of Israel in general.

Beit Hagefen is active in **encouragement, promotion and dissemination of ideas of coexistence, understanding and friendly terms among neighbours**, based on mutual respect, personal acquaintance, cultural understanding and cooperation.

Encouragement and strengthening of the Arab culture, emphasizing achievements of the Israeli Arab population in cultural creation, constitute an important target of Beit Hagefen.

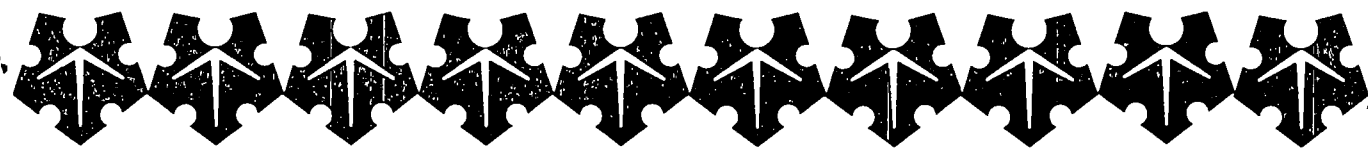
During the last years, the center has **initiated cultural relations and common projects with the Arab world as part of the peace process** and it maintains current, cultural relationship in particular with **Jordan** and the **Palestinian Authority**.

Beit Hagefen is a non-partisan association, supported by the **Haifa Municipality, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, sponsors and donators from Israel and from abroad.

Beit Hagefen is headed by a public council which nominates its **management**, composed of **Jewish and Arab members**.

Beit Hagefen is involved in many fields intended for the whole Jewish and Arab population in Israel:

- **Meetings between Jewish and Arab students, children in kindergartens and adults.**
- **Meetings, colloquium and seminars for Jewish and Arab teachers and principles.**
- **Sports, art and creation, and languages circles, workshops for community communication, and more.**



מרכז ערבי יהודי לתרבות חברה נוער וספורט

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- **Clubs for women and 'member clubs'.**
- **Young leader groups** for Jewish and Arab high school students.
- **The Beit Hagefen Theatre** presents 250 performances per year all over Israel, mainly in Arab language; its repertoire comprising 12 plays (6 for adults and 6 for children). The theatre appeared, as well, in France, the USA, Belgium, Gaza and Jordan.
- **An Art Gallery** - exhibiting works of Jewish and Arab well known artists.
- **A public library** for perusal and lending for children and adults.
- **A pedagogic center for education toward democracy and coexistence**, with thousands of brochures, professional literature, slides, transparencies, video films on coexistence, peace process and education toward democracy and peace.
- **A visitors center in Haifa** - workshops and tours for groups, students and adults, tours of religious sites, Wadi Nissnass quarter and downtown Haifa.
- **A visitors center in Galilee** - tours in 3-4 Arab villages in Galilee.
- **The national Arab culture and book month** - hundreds of cultural programs every year in May - June in Haifa and in 40 cities and villages all over Israel.
- **The 'Holiday of Holidays' - Chanukka, Christmas, Ramadan** in December. In the framework of the festival, an exhibition of Jewish and Arab artists takes place in the streets of 'Wadi Nissnass' including guided tours through the artist's works and, as well, concerts in churches, an assembly of religious leaders, an international meeting of journalists, and much more.

Nowadays, Beit Hagefen is the symbol of cooperation and coexistence and its influence on the daily life is considerable; many people from all over Israel and the entire world visit it and express their empathy.

More on Beit Hagefen in the Internet: <http://www.netvision.net.il/beit-hagefen>

Notional Schedule for the Pre-Advance Team
Visit of the First Lady to
Israel, Jerusalem, and the West Bank

Sunday, May 23, 1999

TBD Arrive Allenby Bridge -- Met by Control Officer

TBD + 30 min. Arrive Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem

8:00 pm Informal Working Dinner with Embassy and ConGen Staff

RON Hilton Hotel

Monday, May 24, 1999

9:00 am Entry Meeting with GOI at Foreign Ministry

10:00 am Depart Foreign Ministry

10:15 am Visit Yad Vashem

11:00 am Visit Supreme Court

12:00 pm tbd

1:00 pm Lunch at the Mahane Yehuda Market

2:00 pm Visit Hebrew University/Mount Scopus -- see possible meeting sites, as well as Auditorium and Amphitheatre (possible speech sites)

3:15 pm Visit Hebrew Union College -- see auditorium (possible speech site)

4:00 pm Visit Na'amat Day Care Center

5:00 pm Visit Democracy Institute

5:45 pm Visit Van Leer Institute (possible meeting or speech site)

6:30 pm Visit Jerusalem Theatre (possible speech site)

8:00 pm Informal Dinner -- American Colony Hotel

RON Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

7:30 am Depart Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem

(Drive Time -- 1 hour and 45 minutes)

9:15 am Visit Beit Gavriel

9:45 am Depart Beit Gavriel for Haifa

(Drive Time -- 1 hour and 30 minutes)

11:15 am	Arrive Haifa -- Visit Beit HaGefen
12:00 pm	Visit Women to Women Center
12:45 pm	Lunch
1:45 pm	Visit Bahai World Center
3:00 pm	Visit Golda Meir Center
3:45 pm	Visit Haifa University
5:00 pm	Visit Hi-Tech Company
5:30 pm	Depart Haifa for Caesaria

(Drive Time: 30 Minutes)

6:00 pm	Visit Caesaria
7:30 pm	Depart Caesaria
8:15 pm	Dinner in Tel Aviv
9:30 pm	Depart Tel Aviv for Jerusalem
10:30 pm	Arrive Jerusalem

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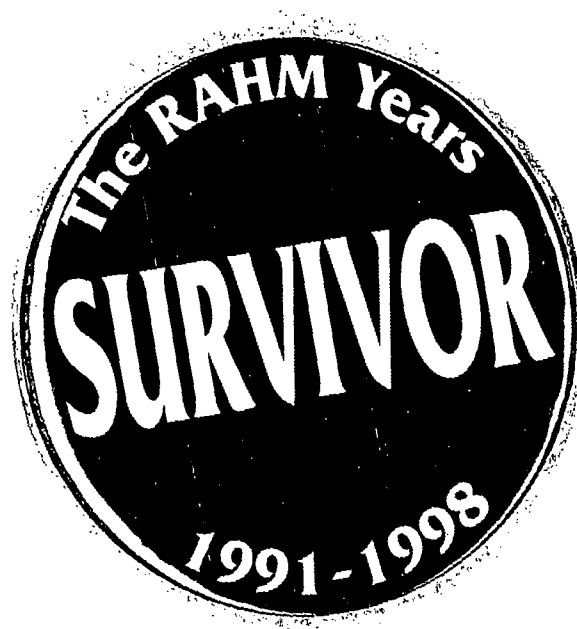
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SUBJECT: My sister meeting Hillary in Israel

[Message]

Dear Hillary,
I thought I had read where you are planning a trip to Israel and wanted to tell you about my sister who lives there. Her name is Connie Griffin and she is teaching at Walworth Barbour American International School in north Tel Aviv (Kfar Shmaryahu) and lives in the town of Raanana. Connie also has a small apartment in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Connie is originally from Montezuma, Iowa and has always wanted to teach. She has taught in the Canary Islands, Austria, as well as in the United States. Even at her young age of 48, [REDACTED] P6/(b)(6) [REDACTED] She has done so many great things, and all on her own. Connie loves the school she is currently working for and enjoys Jerusalem. She has said the "despite the intensity of life in the Middle East, Jerusalem has a special magic to it." In December of last year she got to attend a speech by the President during his visit there. A fellow teacher from Connie's school (his name is Stuart) was Chelsea's guide in Jerusalem. Connie did not get to meet the President, but was excited to attend his speech. I was hoping that if you were in the area, she might be able to at least see you and I know she would be thrilled. I know you must have a very busy schedule, but if I could do something for my

sister, it would be to let her have the opportunity to meet you. She would be really excited, and knowing her, she would love to share the experience with the school children. Connie was hired to coordinate the Special Education Program K-12 and to teach at the elementary level. Next year she will be full time coordinator for Special Education and Enrichment at Walworth Barbour American International School. My hope is that this letter gets to you and by a miracle this letter would lead to a surprise for my sister.

Sincerey, Dave Griffin

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Jake: Here is the list Richard probably told you about, to complement our O-I.

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Possible FLOTUS Visit Events

Themes: Healthcare, Women, Micro-enterprise, Coexistence, Cultural Events

This is a master list, from which we selected those listed in our O-I.

Arab Sector NGO Roundtable There are a considerable number of dynamic and effective NGOs in Israel's Arab community that deal with issues ranging from legal rights to sexual abuse to health to the environment. Women run many of these organizations, and a number deal specifically with women's issues. Donations from the American Jewish community are a major source of funding for Arab community NGOs. The First Lady could have a roundtable meeting with representatives from leading NGOs to discuss issues facing the Arab community, including coexistence, equality, education, greater equality for women, and economic opportunity.

Misgav School Israel's second Government-supported bilingual (hebrew/arabic) school, located in the Galilee town of Misgav, this school has 16 Jewish and 15 Arab first graders. Arab and Jewish educators teach in their own language so that the children become truly bilingual. After less than one year, first graders are able to communicate in both languages. The school also encourages contact between parents, and USIS sent some of the teachers to the U.S. on an IV program.

Merchavim An NGO focused on developing shared citizenship in Israeli Society, Merchavim has brought together 15 teachers from Israel's four different government-funded school systems (Secular, National Religious, Orthodox, and Arab) to develop a curriculum on how to teach "shared citizenship." The 15 teachers include haredim, national religious, Russian, Ethiopian, Christian, Muslim, Druze, Bedouin handicapped, and secular Jewish representatives. A meeting with this group would highlight the diversity of Israeli society while providing a forum to discuss the importance of tolerance, coexistence, and civic responsibilities.

Center for Jewish Arab Economic Development A largely U.S.-funded NGO founded by an American who immigrated to Israel, the CJAED runs a number of interesting projects, including providing training for Arab women who want to start businesses, running a micro-credit program for Arab women, providing technical assistance to Arab villages and towns trying to develop their tourist industries, and facilitating contacts between Israel, Palestinian, and Jordanian entrepreneurs. Their offices are in the Tel Aviv suburb of Herzliya, but they have projects in Northern and Southern Israel. The First Lady could either visit a business started by a graduate of a CJAED course using the micro-credit program, visit another CJAED project, or could meet with a CJAED group for a discussion.

Bedouin: Israel's poorest and least educated inhabitants, Bedouin have reaped few benefits from their voluntarily service in the IDF. The First Lady could highlight her concern for Israel's Bedouin by visiting a village and meeting with younger Bedouin women with university degrees who have formed NGO's to address some of their community's many problems.

Women Soldiers Israel is the only country that conscripts women into its army, though religious or married women are exempted. Women in the IDF traditionally served in support and clerical positions and barred from combat duty. Over the past five years the IDF has opened up a greater range of positions to women, including service on naval vessels and as a medic in Lebanon. There has also been greater discussion of how to reduce sexual harassment in the IDF (a Brigadier General's promotion was recently blocked by the Supreme Court because of such an incident). The First Lady could meet with a group of Israel women soldiers to discuss their attitudes towards military service, opportunities for women, civic responsibility, etc. This meeting could be large or small, take place either at an IDF base or at another facility in any part of Israel. Alternatively, the First Lady could give a speech to a group of IDF women soldiers at a base or at a photogenic outdoor venue such as Caesaria or overlooking the Old City.

Ethiopian Immigrant Absorption Israel continues to accept Ethiopian Jewish immigrants and is making great efforts (with the help of \$80 million per year of U.S. assistance to the Jewish Agency) to support their integration into Israeli society. The First Lady could visit an absorption center, or meet with Ethiopian

school children learning Hebrew. Alternatively, she could meet with Ethiopian IDF soldiers or young Ethiopian professionals to highlight the progress in their absorption into Israeli society.

Kosovar Refugees: Israel has accepted 112 Kosovar refugees amidst great fanfare and with considerable efforts to ensure a successful stay in Israel. The First Lady could meet with them to highlight Israel's efforts on behalf of these muslim refugees.

Kibbutz Visit: The First Lady might wish to visit a kibbutz to both see a quintessential Israeli symbol as well as how it has changed. In addition to agriculture, kibbutzim are involved in all manner of industries including tourism (many feature hotel facilities, hiking, swimming, riding, etc.). A kibbutz could be used as a venue for another meeting, as well.

High Tech: The First Lady could meet with women involved in Israel's burgeoning high tech industries to highlight her interest in technology and opportunity for women.

Jerusalem

Haredi Primary School: Visiting a Haredi primary school would allow the First Lady to meet ultraorthodox school children to show her interest in an often-ignored branch of Judaism. This would give a photo-op that would resonate with Orthodox groups in Israel as well as in the U.S. Jewish community.

Visit to Mea Sharim: In a similar vein, the First Lady could visit this Haredi neighborhood, architecturally similar to 18th Century East European Jewish Ghettos, to highlight her interest in the ultraorthodox as well as her interest in all streams of Judaism. Such a visit would yield interesting visuals but would have to be carefully managed to avoid giving offense to local residents.

Hebrew Union College: All Reform rabbis spend at least one year at the Hebrew Union College facility in Jerusalem. The facility is located near the Old City and looks great. The First Lady could visit HUC and meet with rabbinical students (who include women). Alternatively, HUC could be used as a venue for other events such as a roundtable or a speech.

Roundtable with women students at Hebrew University: Hebrew University is the oldest and best known university in Israel, and the student body includes a significant minority of Israeli Arabs and some Palestinians from East Jerusalem. The First Lady could hold a roundtable with a mixed group of women students (possibly from the law school, possibly from a variety of fields) to discuss opportunities for women, coexistence, and other concerns. Alternatively, the First Lady could meet with some of the many American exchange students attending summer programs at Hebrew U.

Women's Legal Roundtable: Some of Israel's most prominent legal figures are women, including Supreme Court justices, the Prosecutor General, senior officials in the Ministry of Justice, public interest lawyers, and other private lawyers. The First Lady could hold a roundtable at the Israeli Supreme Court (a visually impressive building) with them to discuss legal and social issues of interest.

Women's Political Roundtable with Knesset Members and Mayors: The 1998 municipal elections produced several new women mayors, and the 1999 national elections are likely to see several new women enter the Knesset. The First Lady could meet with Israeli women who are elected officials to discuss women and politics as well as other issues. The meeting could also take place in another city.

Old City Religious Sites: The First Lady has previously visited the Western Wall, Judaism's most sacred site. She could visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, either by itself or in conjunction with a return visit to the Western Wall. If the politics can be worked out (i.e. Mayor Olmert and the GOI don't try to blow up the visit), she could also see Muslim holy sites on the Temple Mount such as the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. This could be part of a visually compelling walking tour of the Old City.

Na'amat Day Care Center: The First Lady could visit a day care center run by Na'amat, the organization of Israeli women that operates day care and kindergarten facilities throughout Israel.

Pre-Natal Care: The First Lady could visit pre-natal clinics at various Jerusalem hospitals. She has already visited Hadassah's Ein Karem hospital, but could consider going to the Hadassah Mount Scopus hospital or a Shaare Tzadek Hospital. All have pre-natal care clinics. We could look for one which features Palestinian as well as Jewish women.

Haifa: Israel's third largest city features beautiful views of the Mediterranean from Mount Carmel, many high-tech industries, a large Russian immigrant community, and perhaps Israel's best example of Jewish-Arab coexistence. In addition, it is the world headquarters of the Bahai religion.

Russian Immigrants: Haifa has the largest Russian immigrant community in Israel, and would be a good place to highlight their integration into Israeli society (along with the considerable U.S. financial support for immigrant absorption). The First Lady could visit a school teaching immigrants Hebrew, or an absorption center. Alternatively, she could meet with Russian immigrant high-school students.

Bahai World Center: A stunning series of buildings set in a park stretching from the top to the bottom of Mount Carmel, the Bahai World Center is just that, the headquarters of the Bahai faith. The gardens are spectacular, and the facility includes meeting rooms that could be used for other events. The First Lady could visit the gardens and the tomb of the religion's founder.

Beit HaGefen Jewish Arab Cultural Center: One of Israel's first institutionalized coexistence projects, the Beit HaGefen center is funded by the City of Haifa as well as private donations (including many from the U.S. Jewish community). This might be a good venue for a roundtable on coexistence.

Center for Educational Guidance for Arab Students (CEGAS): A combination dorm/counseling center to provide guidance and support for Israeli Arabs studying at Haifa University, CEGAS could be a venue for an event or meet with the First Lady in another location to discuss empowerment of Israel's Arab community. CEGAS is an impressive example of the Arab community taking responsibility to improve educational opportunities, particularly for women. CEGAS started operating a 32-person dormitory because Israeli Arabs had difficulty finding affordable housing in Haifa, and because some parents wouldn't let their daughters go to the University unless they were living with other Arab girls.

Assiwar - Hotline/Counseling for Arab victims of sexual abuse: Assiwar has helped Palestinian women in Nablus set up a similar hotline.

Women at Haifa University Law School: Haifa University has the most Israeli Arab students of any university in Israel, as well as many Russian immigrants. The First Lady could meet with women law students and professors to discuss coexistence, equality, and other issues. Alternatively, this might be a good venue for a speech to a mixed Jewish/Arab audience.

Rambam Hospital: One of Israel's largest hospitals, Rambam treats most soldiers wounded in Lebanon. It also has pre-natal and pediatric care programs, as well as a large contingent of Russian immigrant nurses and doctors.

Nazareth: The largest Arab city in Israel as well as an important Christian religious site, Nazareth has some nice locations but is not a particularly beautiful city. A visit could focus on Israeli Arab NGO's, equality, coexistence, and women's issues, as well as a visit to Christian holy sites. Unfortunately, ongoing Christian-Muslim tension might cause problems if it hasn't been resolved by the time of the visit.

Church of the Annunciation: A Catholic Church built on the house where Mary was visited by an Angel, it is an impressive modern building set in pretty gardens.

Al-Tufula Center: A non-profit women's organization, the Al-Tufula center provides early-childhood education for Israeli Arab children in Nazareth, health education for their mothers, as well as professional training to Israeli Arab women.

→ **Women Against Violence** -- Israeli-Arab women's organization in Nazareth that runs shelters and halfway houses for women and abused girls, as well as a hotline for victims of abuse. WAV receives government funding and has developed impressive programs to help victims recover from their traumas. It is controversial within the Arab community, as many don't want to either acknowledge or highlight these problems. WAV is working with Palestinian women in Nablus to set up a similar program.

Christian Sites The First Lady could visit some of the places linked to the life and ministry of Jesus, including:

-- The Mount of the Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. There is an attractive church set in the midst of a beautiful garden on a hill overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

-- Capernaum: This site features the ruins of the house where Jesus lived with Peter on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, as well as the impressive remains of a synagogue where Jesus may have preached.

-- Tagba: A carefully reconstructed Byzantine church enclosing beautiful ancient mosaics at what many believe is the location of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes.

→ **Caesaria**: An ancient port city 25 miles north of Tel Aviv, Caesaria features spectacular Roman, Byzantine, and Crusader ruins including a very well-preserved Roman amphitheatre used for outdoor concerts and performances. The First Lady could visit the ruins and see an on-going archeological dig. The Roman Theatre could be a spectacular venue for a major speech.

Bet Shean: Some of the best preserved Roman and Byzantine ruins in the Holy Land, Bet Shean is located 10 miles south of the Sea of Galilee.

Gaza: Given the extensive time the First Lady spent in Gaza in December, 1998, we believe that her staff is aware of most of the options there. Nonetheless, we strongly recommend that any visit to Gaza include a visit to Windows Magazine, which was planned and then cancelled on short notice during the last visit.

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