

SOVIET Jewry

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Russian Jewry
EXODUS MARCH

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Dear Colleague:

In the recent issue of Shedemot, published by the Kibbutz movement, there appears a paraphrase of the Yom Yippur confessional, dedicated to the Six Million. One of the verses reads: על חטא חסידנו לחנוך ולפנינו בחבוק ידיים
-- for the sin of folded arms.

This is something which, as Rabbis, we cannot let our people forget. As much as we American Jews did, we didn't do nearly enough. While the Holocaust raged, too many of us sat by be'chibbuk yadayim, with folded arms.

The reason for my writing to you now is to solicit your help in avoiding a repetition of this immoral inaction with regard to Soviet Jewry. Now that so many of them risk life and limb speaking out, we must do no less.

On behalf of the New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, I therefore respectfully ask your cooperation on the following two matters:


(1) Alert your congregation (including your high school and college groups) to the EXODUS MARCH planned for April 26th at noon. Details on this demonstration will be forthcoming shortly. We want Greater New York Jewry to come out in the tens of thousands. We hope you will personally be present at the head of a group from your synagogue.

(2) We urgently need funds to finance this EXODUS MARCH to ensure maximum publicity and thus the greatest possible effect. I therefore ask of you to obtain for this demonstration the sum of \$100 either from your Pulpit Fund or congregation or interested individuals.

I cannot emphasize strongly enough how important both these requests are.

I plead with you to "lend a hand" -- not chibbuk yadayim.

Very cordially yours,



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P.S. Your check should be made out to New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, and should be mailed to David Geller, Coordinator - New York Conference on Soviet Jewry - 165 East 56 Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

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