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BORN: June 25, 1954 Bellingham, Washington USA

*Danua Demerest
Asst Secy for Public Affairs*

EDUCATION: H.S. Diploma, Golden High School, Golden, Colorado
A.A. Degree, General Studies, Pepperdine University, Santa Ana, California
B.A. Degree, Political Science (CUM LAUDE), Pepperdine University, Malibu, California
B.A. Degree, Economics, University of Colorado

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Sept. 1983 - Present: SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE UNITED STATES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, Washington, D.C.

DUTIES: Assist and advise the U.S. Executive Director on all matters pertaining to I.D.B. loans, policies and activities. Monitor classified cables and report on important developments abroad. Perform economics research and provide data and materials for the U.S. Executive Director from which he will substantiate United States policy positions. Provide liaison between the Director's office and the Dept. of Treasury, The White House, State Dept. and other government agencies, as well as dignitaries from I.D.B. member nations, businesses and the general public. Work on procurement issues when U.S. firms make complaints to the office of the U.S. Executive Director, to insure said firms are treated fairly in the bidding process for projects financed by I.D.B. loans. Speak publicly at meetings in the Caribbean and Latin America representing the U.S. Executive Director.

1983 STAFF ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON, THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, D.C.

DUTIES: Assisted Special Assistants to the President Dee Jepsen and John Rousselot; in administration, communication, political analysis, research and writing. Wrote speeches and talking points for the President, Vice-President, and members of the White House senior staff. Wrote official White House position papers on womens' issues, indexing of income taxes, and the public affairs strategy for the MX missile project. Worked in Press Credentials and Press Information at the 1983 Summit of Industrialized Nations in Williamsburg, Virginia. Was selected for the position of Deputy Special Assistant to the President (later retitled "Associate Director") but did not fill the position.

1981 - 1983 STAFF COORDINATOR, Y.W.A.M. Inc. (Private Volunteer Organization)
Hawaii and Austria

DUTIES: Coordinated activities and worked as a counselor at a Community Crisis Center in Honolulu, Hawaii; and in refugee relief work with East Block refugees in Reichenau, Austria.

1979 - 1981 ECONOMICS RESEARCH ANALYST, ADOLPH COORS COMPANY, Golden, Colorado

DUTIES: Micro and Macro economics research, data interpretation and presentation in an orderly form and usable format for management consumption. Performed interest rate and leading indicator forecasting, as well as political economic report writing,

technical economics writing, and public speaking on behalf of the Adolph Coors Company as chief economic spokesman for a variety of forums and audiences. Represented the company at numerous functions and events.

1977 - 1978 FIELD ENGINEER/TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE, LITTON INDUSTRIES, AMECOM DIVISION, Mechernich, West Germany

DUTIES: Assisted personnel of the armed forces of the Federal Republic of Germany in use, calibration and repair of electrical and mechanical measuring equipment. Worked all over West Germany at bases of the "Bundeswehr" and "Luftwaffe" as the field representative for Litton. Had contact with government and business officials on every level.

1976 - 1977 DIRECTOR, COORS EMPLOYEES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC) ADOLPH COORS COMPANY, Golden, Colorado

DUTIES: Responsibility for oversight and direction of all aspects of corporate political action committee: fund-raising, communications, liaison and reporting to other PACs, the Federal Elections Commission, candidate committees, and the voting public. Involved in over 25 federal legislative races in 1976, and 30 state races. Advised the finance committee and reported directly to top management of the company (i.e. Joseph Coors, then Executive Vice-President).

1972 - 1976 SERGEANT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

DUTIES: Electronics instrument repair and calibration. Two meritorious promotions, attained the rank of sergeant (E-5) at age 20 - the youngest in the III Marine Aircraft Wing at the time. Honorable Discharge after four years of active service.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1982 INSTRUCTOR OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, Honolulu, Hawaii
Taught one freshman level class one full semester.

1980 INSTRUCTOR OF ECONOMICS, DENVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Denver, Colorado
Wrote economics course curriculum, and taught one freshman level course one full semester.

1978 ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN, JOHN T. BOYD COMPANY, Denver, Colorado
Assisted engineers and draftsmen in preparing mining charts and mineral deposit maps.

1971 CLERK, LAKEWOOD TRAVEL SERVICE, Denver, Colorado

1972 Performed all clerical and administrative duties relative to the travel industry, part-time while finishing High School.

PERSONAL STRENGTHS

Public Speaking: I have done public speaking on behalf of the Adolph Coors Company during the AFL-CIO Boycott, as well as acting chief economic spokesman for the company in 1980 and 1981. Public speaking for REAGAN FOR PRESIDENT campaign, 1979-1980.

Languages: English, German, Spanish, Afrikaans. Some facility in Russian, Polish, Yiddish, Dutch and Flemish. Intermediate French.

Writing: I have written speeches, essays, corporate position papers, White House position papers, letters to the public stating corporate and administration policy positions - often on delicate issues. (Samples furnished upon request)

Inter-personal skills: I have worked with and related to chief executive officers of corporations, heads of governmental agencies, peers, and foreign officials. I have often been at the forefront of difficult and complex public relations situations, and relate well to businessmen and government people at all levels.

Wide Exposure: I have lived in several countries, and have traveled widely in North America, the Caribbean Basin region, Europe and the Middle East. I have worked in an extremely wide variety of settings, cultures and circumstances. I am multi-lingual, and can get along with anyone.

HONORS, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Captain, United States Marine Corps Soccer Team; 1975-1976
Captain, Evergreen (Colorado) Rugby-Football Club; 1978-1980
Member, National Association of Business Economists; 1978-Present
Member, Denver Economics Association; 1978-1981
B.A. Degree CUM LAUDE, Pepperdine University

REFERENCES: Furnished upon request

POLITICAL CREDENTIALS:

- 1982: Media Consultant: Hal Jones for Hawaii State House of Representatives. Organized electronic and print advertisements for the campaign, advised executive committee in overall strategy. Effort successful.
- 1981-1982: State Coordinator, Committee for the National Platform, Hawaii. Coordinated a move to swell the ranks of the Republican Party of Hawaii with those people who supported President Reagan and the Republican Platform adopted in Detroit in 1980. Final objective: To adopt key planks of the Republican National Platform for the State of Hawaii Party Platform. Delegates were elected in precinct elections in January in sufficient numbers to control portions of the convention in May. Successful.
- 1980: Vice Chairman, Finance Committee, REAGAN FOR PRESIDENT, Colorado.
- 1979: Vice Chairman, Finance Steering Committee, REAGAN FOR PRESIDENT, Colorado.
- 1978: Volunteer Coordinator, Sam Zakhem for Colorado State Senate. Effort Successful.
- Finance Director: Colorado Spending Limitation Committee. Raised funds and assisted in campaign planning for a ballot amendment to limit spending of state government. The bi-partisan effort nearly succeeded, but NEA dollars at the last minute defeated the initiative.
- 1976: Director, Coors Political Action Committee (See Page 1)
Discharged from Marines 8-30-76, too late for Reagan campaign.
- Volunteer Coordinator, Sam Zakhem for Colorado State House of Representatives, Denver, Colorado. Effort successful.
- 1974: Campaign Staff Worker, Sam Zakhem for Colorado State House of Representatives, Denver, Colorado. Effort successful.
- 1966: Campaign Staff Worker, Joseph Coors for Regent of the University of Colorado. Effort successful.

Marianna E. Shwak
3322 Woodburn Village Dr., #24
Annandale, Virginia 22003
(703) 573-0839

OBJECTIVE: Employment using and building upon past experience to lead to consulting and/or public relations work.

EXPERIENCE:

January 1986 to Present Income Property Representative, Arlington Mortgage Company, Falls Church, VA - Loan processing, prepare appraisal packages for submittal to lenders, research and prepare area, site and property information and descriptions, handle loans through production, settlement, servicing and with client relations.

June 1985 to January 1986 Payroll Clerk, Schnabel Associates, Inc., Kulpsville, PA
Enter information into computer, run, program and distribute payroll reports, supply wage and employee information, process and follow up on health insurance, workmen's compensation, certified payrolls for various state labor departments, distribute checks, process taxes.

May 1984 to August 1984 Payroll/Accounts Payable Clerk, Toftrees Resort, State College, PA
Prepare and organize payroll information for accounting department, distribute checks, collect money receipts, inventory, process purchase orders and payables.

August 1983 to December 1983 Reservationist, Buck Hill Inn, Buck Hill Falls, PA
Book and confirm social, group and time share reservations on NCR computer, phone sales, post and record daily deposits, assist Front Desk, tour guests, run reports and instruct employees on computer, assist company computer programmer.

May 1982 to December 1982, May 1983 to July 1983. Mortgage Clerk, Red Hill Savings & Loan Assn., Red Hill, PA
Follow up, close and organize new accounts, process and pay taxes and insurance, correspond with tax collectors, insurance agents and customers, CRT work.

June 1981 to November 1981 Assistant Manager, Penn State Food Service Dept., University Park, PA - Supervise students, organize and order stock, inventory, head cashier, instruct students on cash register programming.

June 1980 to August 1980 Publicity Chairperson, PSU Resident Theatre Company, University Park, PA - Organize and correspond with subscribers, provide and display publicity information, design and set up displays, various publicity projects.

EDUCATION:

September 1979 to May 1985 PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, University Park, PA
Bachelor of Science Degree - Economics

September 1975 to June 1979 UPPER PERKIOMEN HIGH SCHOOL, Pennsburg, PA
Academic Program

SPECIAL SKILLS
NCR Computer trained, good with figures, outgoing, confident, speak, read and write Ukrainian, won Accounting Awards-1st and 2nd place, Science Contest Honorable Mention, Math Contest Honorable Mention, Member High School Honor Society-3 years-Treasurer in last year, Member PSU Ukrainian Club-President in last year.

REFERENCES: Provided upon request.

May 7, 1986

Max Green
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison
Old Executive Office Building
Room 196
Washington, DC 20500

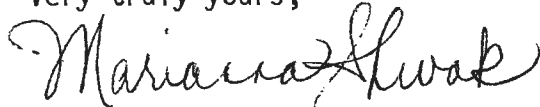
Dear Mr. Green:

I am currently seeking a career change from my private sector experience to public work, especially in the liaison field. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from Pennsylvania State University. I also have over three years of work experience in the business field, including management, public relations, and computer work.

At the present time, I am working at a mortgage company in the commercial department as an Income Property Representative, but I am interested in changing fields. I am a flexible and serious worker. I am a hardworking and outgoing individual. I feel I do have valuable work experience, as well as a degree in Economics and also a strong desire to become involved with public liaison.

Please do seriously consider my resume for I am very serious in changing careers. I may be reached at 703-573-0839. Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianna Shwak". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Marianna Shwak
3322 Woodburn Village Dr., #24
Annandale, VA 22003

Enclosures

PHOEBE SALTEN

Address: 50 Belknap Street
Concord, Massachusetts

Born: November 23, 1941

Telephone: (617)369-6856
(617)369-9178

Married: Merrill Weingrod

Children: Hilary 21
Jennifer 20
James 4

Education:

Harvard Law School

J.D. cum laude 1978

Research Assistant, Labor Law Professor Harry T.
Edwards, 1977

Student member, Committee on Legal Education 1976-78

Harvard School of Education

M.Ed 1968

Phi Lambda Theta Honor Society

Bryn Mawr College

A.B., 1963, cum laude in psychology

Business and Professional:

Co-Founder, Vice President and Treasurer, The Leather Shop
Inc., Concord, Massachusetts. Probably the largest
fashion women's belt manufacturer in the United States.
1969 - present. Since 1983 I have also served as
General Counsel with particular oversight of
employment matters (our Concord facility employs 300
persons), real estate acquisition and business
expansion opportunities.

Associate, Foley, Hoag & Eliot, Boston, Massachusetts.
Labor Area of Practice. My practice involved
representation of management in matters including
general advice on labor and employment matters,
negotiation of grievances, acting as lead counsel or
co-counsel counsel in numerous contract arbitrations
and in matters before the National Labor Relations
Board. 1978-1983.

Teaching Assistant, Harvard Law School, Collective
Bargaining and Arbitration, an advanced seminar for
students planning to specialize in the labor area.
Taught by Hon. Harry T. Edwards, Court of Appeals for
the District of Columbia Circuit. Spring Semesters
1981 and 1982.

Judicial Clerk. Hon. Harry T. Edwards, Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Judge Edwards' appointment to the bench came very early in 1980 and out of sequence with the availability of graduating clerks. I took a leave of absence from Foley, Hoag and served as his sole clerk until his complement of clerks arrived in late July.

Head Teacher, Brooks School of Concord, Concord, Massachusetts, 1969-72.

Teacher, Concord Public Schools, Concord, Massachusetts 1968-69.

Other Activities:

Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, Committee on Human Resources, advisory to the administration and Board of Trustees on labor and employment matters. 1984-present.

Special Commission on Violence Against Children, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1983-84.

Judicial Nominating Council, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, March 1983-February 1984.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Daniel S. Mariaschin
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1986 - present Director, Political Affairs Department, American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Responsible for creating, supervising and implementing political action, education, mobilization and grassroots organization programs.

Oversees field operations, including four regional offices. Has responsibility for coalition building with outside organizations and political groups. Supervises staff of 25 with overall budget of \$1 million.

1979-86 Assistant to the National Director and Director, National Leadership Division, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith.

Work involved daily contact with agency's senior official in implementing full range of organization's concerns. Assumed special assignments involving contact with thirty regional offices as well as other national Jewish organizations. Served on administrative staff, eight person body responsible for determining policy and administering work of the agency.

Responsible for ADL's nationwide program of leadership development, including recruitment, orientation and involvement of new leaders in the organization's human rights activities.

As administrative secretary to the ADL's National Commission (board of directors) responsible for daily contact and professional liaison with nationwide network of lay volunteers and for organizing three major national policy meetings. Staff person responsible for national nominating and planning committees.

Special projects directed include organizing lay study missions to Israel and Egypt; missions of retired U.S. generals and admirals to Israel and Lebanon; preparation of Congressional testimony and organizing major foreign affairs symposia.

Work involved lectures, public speaking, and radio and television appearances on behalf of the agency throughout the country, before major national Jewish organizations and at academic and interreligious conferences and seminars.

1977-79 Director, Middle East Affairs Department, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Responsible for interpreting and evaluating Middle East issues for the agency and acted as liaison with Jewish community leadership on matters related to the Middle East. Chief contact on Mideast for ADL's nationwide professional staff.

Prepared numerous background papers and analyses on Mideast policy issues. Represented the agency at conferences and seminars. Staff person for National Middle East Affairs Committee.

1975-77 Director, New England office, American Zionist Federation and Zionist House, Boston, MA.

Duties included initiation and implementation of Israel-oriented programming in both Jewish and general communities.

Special projects focused on work with Christian clergy, academic community and media and coordinating major community-wide events. Work also involved structuring a board of directors and working with lay leaders representing eight local organizations that constituted the Federation.

As director of Zionist House, administered cultural and educational center focusing on Israel-related activities. Responsible for budget preparation and worked with officers and board of directors in organizing and implementing programs and services.

1973-75 Community Relations Associate, Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston.

Staff person assigned to Middle East, Interfaith, Church-State Relations and Holocaust Committees.

Member of Jewish-Catholic Committee of Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission, and Boston Advisory Council of Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

Work also involved preparation of press releases and arranging for press-radio-TV coverage of Council activities.

Edited Middle East Factfinder, a Council newsletter on events in the Middle East.

Articles Author of over seventy-five articles and reviews in such publications as The Wall Street Journal, the Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Tribune, Newsday and Army Times. Wrote twice-monthly column for

for Anglo-Jewish press on Middle East issues.

Participant, Department of Defense media tour of NATO exercises ("Reforger") in Belgium, West Germany and the Netherlands. Served as freelance correspondent for Army Times and Air Force Times.

Lectures
and
Media Appear-
ances

Public speaking appearances have included lectures and briefings on foreign and defense affairs at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute; Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, VA; John F. Kennedy Special Forces School, Ft. Bragg, NC; and at military bases around the country.

Interviewed on numerous occasions on television, radio and in daily newspapers on human rights and foreign affairs issues.

Broadcasting
and
Multimedia
Experience

Radio announcer and news commentator, WKNE AM/FM, 5,000 watt (AM), 50,000 watt (FM) CBS affiliate, Keene, New Hampshire. Responsible for news gathering, news writing, preparation of newscasts, and general announcing. Prepared special programs and documentaries. Interviews with presidential candidates acquired by CBS and ABC radio networks. Hosted twice daily general interest interview programs. Other responsibilities included advertising copywriting and production of commercials.

Co-anchor, election coverage, 14-station New Hampshire Election Network, 1970.

Narrated and produced radio advertising campaign for New Hampshire Governor Walter Peterson, 1970.

Narrated commercially-made and institutional multi-media audio-visual presentations. Conceived, co-produced, wrote and directed special children's television program on Jewish holiday of Purim for "A Show of Faith," WBZ-TV, Boston. Served as newscaster on "Jerusalem Journal" radio series of Anti-Defamation League.

Education

Brandeis University, M.A., Contemporary Jewish Studies, 1973.

University of New Hampshire, B.A., summa cum laude, History, 1971. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Monadnock Regional High School, Swanzey, New Hampshire, 1967.

Awards,
Honors
and
Memberships

Young Leadership Award, New England District, Zionist Organization of America.

Special leadership award, Empire Region, B'nai B'rith Women, 1980.

President, Alumni Association, Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service, Brandeis University.

Ex-officio member, Board of Overseers, Philip W. Lown Center for Contemporary Jewish Studies, Brandeis University.

Listed, Who's Who in American Jewry

Listed, Who's Who in World Jewry

Member, National Education Advisory Council, Ellis Island-Statue of Liberty Centennial Commission.

Personal

Date of birth: April 17, 1949. Married. Excellent health.

References:

Furnished on request.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 9, 1987

personnel

MEMORANDUM FOR MAX GREEN

FROM: CATHERINE BEDELL *CB*
SUBJECT: Arthur Silverstein

Thank you for your recommendation of Arthur Silverstein for appointment to a Presidential Board or Commission.

I will have his resume put in the system, and he should be hearing from Presidential Personnel very shortly.

16980 Jeanette
Southfield, Michigan 48075
Monday, April 28, 1986

The Honorable Max Green
Associate Director, Office of Public Liaison
Room 196, OEOB
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Green,

I am writing to you because I fervently wish to work as an intern in your office, this summer.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I am a seventeen-year-old high school senior and will be attending either the University of Michigan or Georgetown University, next year. Last summer, I was the youngest U.S. Congressional intern on Capitol Hill, when I served Congressman Mark Siljander. I composed legislation for him, and corresponded to Senators, Congressmen, and other leaders on his behalf. Please see his enclosed recommendation of me. I am the National Teen Age Republican Valedictorian, representing Teen Age Republicans across the United States. As a result, I have met with many of our nation's foremost political leaders, including President Reagan and Vice President Bush. Many U.S. Senators and Congressmen, such as Bob Dole, Strom Thurmond, Paul Laxalt, Chic Hecht, Jack Kemp, Phil Crane, and Newt Gingrich, know me by name, and I meet with them quite often.

I am an Orthodox Jew, and a direct descendant of the Amshinov, Warka, and Pshiskha Chassidic Rabbis. I can speak, read, and write Hebrew, and I am very active in the Detroit area Jewish community. I attended Akiva Hebrew Day School and Hillel Day School of Metropolitan Detroit through the tenth grade. I am Chairman of National Conference of Synagogue Youth in Michigan, and an active member of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee(AIPAC), whose National Policy Conference I attended this month in Washington. I am also an active member of the National Jewish Coalition and Citizens For America.

I also serve in public office as I am an official Commissioner of my city of Southfield, serving on the Southfield Parent-Youth Guidance Commission. I am the only Southfield Commissioner below the age of thirty. At school, I am a student director of WSHJ-FM Radio Station, the only high school affiliate of the ABC Network and the most powerful high school radio station in the United States. I am a National Merit Scholar Finalist and one of ten Congressional Scholars from Michigan. I am a Gold and Silver Medalist in tennis, track, ^{and} cross country running in the International Maccabi Youth Games, and was a finalist to be on the United States Tennis Team to the 1985 World Maccabiah Games in Israel. I was a finalist in both the United States Senate Youth Scholarship Competition and the National Association of Secondary School Principals Century III Leaders Scholarship Program.

Congressman

I am also a recipient of U.S.A Sander Levin's Congressional Medal of Merit Award of Achievement, and one of 1,000 National Semifinalists in the Jostens Foundation Leader Scholarship Program. I am one of twenty-six National finalists in the Washington Crossing Foundation Annual Youth Scholarship Awards, and a member of International and American MENSA, a society whose members must have I.Q.s higher than ninety-eight percent of the general population. I was a candidate for Michigan Youth Governor, and I have been involved in many local, state, and national Republican campaigns. I am a staff writer and reporter for The Southfield JAY, Michigan's number one Class A high school newspaper, and one of the top five high school newspapers in the United States. I am a panelist and interviewer on "W-4 Sight," a program on W-4 FM, Detroit's top commercial country music radio station. I am also one of six elected Senior Class Board members who share equal power (we have no class president or other positions).

In addition, I am involved in many other activities both in and out of school, and I have won or received many other honors and awards, most of which ^{are} outlined in the enclosed resume. Some of the media coverage that I have received, in the form of newspaper articles, is included in the resume. Also enclosed are some samples of newspaper articles that I have written.

In conclusion, I feel that I would truly enjoy working as a White House intern this summer, dealing specifically with political and Jewish issues. I am a staunch conservative and a strong supporter of President Reagan, and I certainly hope that there is a summer intern position open for me in your office. If given the opportunity, I know that I won't disappoint you. I thank you for your time and understanding in reading this letter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Debbie K. Schlussel
National Teen Age Republican Valedictorian

Enclosures

MARK D. SILJANDER
4TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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(616) 982-0722
800-272-3413
ROBIN M. LUKETINA
GENERAL COUNSEL/CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

November 5, 1985

To Whom It May Concern:

Ms. Debbie K. Schlusel served as a Congressional intern in my office during the summer of 1985. During this period, Debbie was one of the youngest Congressional interns to work on Capitol Hill. I was very impressed with her ability to work with my staff and the professional committee staffs, as well as her ability to understand and complete the difficult and complicated assignments given to her.

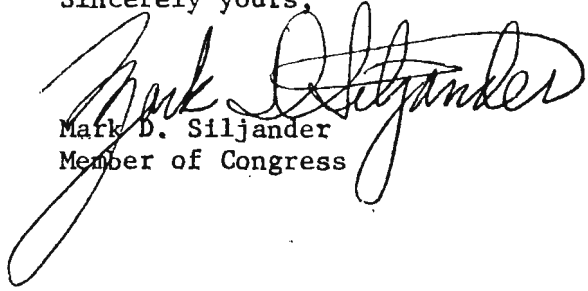
In addition to her congressional duties Debbie attended many educational functions and programs that are available to Congressional Interns. As this office's representative she was exemplary and both her work and conduct were above reproach.

As a Congressional Intern Debbie worked directly with me and my Legislative Director. Her duties consisted of assisting us in the preparation of a number of pieces of legislation which I later introduced. Her time and effort in organizing support both within and without Congress for this legislation was invaluable. During her time here, Debbie's duties also included issue correspondence and research together with general office duties.

I found Debbie's work to be both timely and professional. Her diligence and eagerness to work was surpassed only by her willingness to do even the most difficult tasks. Her contribution to the office was valuable and most appreciated.

I commend her to you as a very able and professional young lady. I have no doubt that she will excel in any endeavor to which she puts her hand.

Sincerely yours,


Mark D. Siljander
Member of Congress

MDS/aeg

Deborah Karen Schlussel
16980 Jeanette
Southfield, Michigan 48075

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND OFFICES HELD, MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER PARTICIPATION, HONORS AND AWARDS

1. Leadership Positions and Offices Held

National Teen Age Republican Valedictorian

Chairman, National Conference of Synagogue Youth(Michigan)

Southfield City Commissioner--Youth Commissioner, Southfield Parent-Youth Guidance Commission

Founder, President--Michigan Youth Zionist Political Action Committee--the first high school affiliate of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee(AIPAC) National Political Leadership Development Program

Youth Chairman, Seventeenth Congressional District Republican Committee (Michigan)

One of six elected Southfield Senior High School Senior Class Board Members

Student Director, WSHJ-FM Radio Station--the only ABC high school affiliate and the most powerful high school radio station in the U.S.

School Representative, Seventeenth District Congressional Student Forum

School Representative, Oakland County Leadership Forum

School Representative, Michigan Youth-in-Government Senate

Vice President, Southfield Senior High School Youth-in-Government

Youngest United States Congressional intern on Capitol Hill--Summer 1985, worked for Congressman Mark Siljander

Youth Director, National Jewish Coalition for Reagan/Bush in Michigan

Candidate for Michigan Youth Governor

Editor, Michigan Teen Age Republican Tribune

Michigan Representative, National Teen Age Republican Leadership Conference(Washington, D.C.)

Michigan Representative, 1986 National Young Leaders Conference

Founder, Chairman-- Oakland County, Seventeenth District, and Southfield Teen Age Republicans

Deborah Karen Schlus¹ssel ,
16980 Jeanette
Southfield, Michigan 48075

2. Activities, Memberships, and Other Participation

School Varsity Tennis Team--two Varsity Letters earned

Beverly Hills Racquet Club Junior Excellence Tournament Tennis Competition Team

Finalist, United States Maccabiah Tennis Team

School Varsity Track Team

School Varsity Debate Team

School Varsity Forensics Team--District and Regional First Place Awards

School Youth-in-Government

National Honor Society

Citizens For America

Staff Writer and Reporter, The Southfield JAY--Michigan's Number One Class A High School Newspaper, one of the top five high school newspapers in the United States

Students Against Driving Drunk/Students Against Liquor Overuse

Teen Age Republicans

Young Conservative Alliance

National Conference of Synagogue Youth

Jewish Teens in Service--hospital volunteer, visiting nursing homes, working with retarded citizens

Save the Oppressed People(STOP)

Participant, Detroit Community Runs for Soviet Jewry

Intercollegiate Studies Institute

Volunteer players' assistant and ball girl for Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall--UNICEF Foster's Lager Grand Masters International Tennis Tournament Benefit(Phoenix, Arizona)

Volunteer, Southfield "Sunday Fun Day" Charity Benefit

Medical assistant and receptionist

Deborah Karen Schlusel /
16980 Jeanette
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Salesclerk and in-store model, Saks Fifth Avenue Department Store

National, State, County, District, and City Political Campaign Work

Washington Close-Up Participant

Member, International and American MENSA--an international society,
whose members ^{must} have I.Q.'s higher than 98% of the general population

Saks Fifth Avenue Department Stores Teen Board

Member, American Israel Public Affairs Committee(AIPAC), AIPAC Political Leadership Development Program

Panelist and Interviewer, "W-4 Sight"--W-4-FM 107 Radio Station news/talk show

National Honor Society Tutor

3. Honors and Awards

National Merit Scholar Finalist

Finalist, United States Senate Youth Scholarship Competition Program

Finalist, National Association of Secondary School Principals Century III Leaders Scholarship Competition Program

1985-1986 United States Congressional Scholar

Recipient, U.S. Congressman Sander Levin's Congressional Medal of Merit Award of Achievement

Recipient, League of Jewish Women's Organizations of America: Annual Youth Scholarship Award

First Place, Detroit Soviet Jewry Committee Essay Contest

National Semifinalist(one of 1,000) Jostens Foundation Leader Scholarship Program

Gold and Silver Medalist, International Maccabi Youth Games--tennis, track, and cross country running

International Baccalaureate Candidate

Republican Committee of Oakland County Outstanding Youth Award

Awards of Excellence, Michigan Winner--National Bible Contest

Deborah Karen Schlussel
16980 Jeanette
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Full Scholarship Award to Operations Bentley, an intensive college-level political science program at Albion College(Albion, Michigan)

National Teen Age Republican Valedictorian

Southfield Parent-Youth Guidance Commission Youth Recognition Award

International and National Piano Guild Commendations

First Place Award, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.A.-Southfield Post,"Voice of Democracy" Oratorical Contest

National Finalist(one of 26), Washington Crossing Foundation Seventeenth Annual National Scholarship Award

Third Place Award, Michigan Press Women High School Journalism Competition

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Debbie Schlussel.

When leadership, involvement, and ability to speak out on issues is brought up I immediately think of Debbie Schlussel. She is an American citizen who truly believes in her responsibilities as such and acts accordingly. She is very involved in a great many activities, some of which I will enumerate. Debbie is a member in good standing of the National Honor Society; she is a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program; she is a member of the varsity debate team; she is also a member of the Varsity Forensics team; she is a Director for our school radio station, WSHJ FM; she is a staff writer for our nationally acclaimed newspaper - "The Southfield Jay"; she is a Senior Class Board member; she is a member of our SADD chapter; she still finds time to participate in athletics on two varsity teams - Tennis and Track.

It would seem that Debbie is overextended in just her school activities, but - this young lady has leadership, energy, and enthusiasm which is unequalled. In some school - community activities she has taken a lead role. She was a representative and participant in the Washington D.C. Close-up program last spring; she was also a school participant in the Michigan "Youth In Government" program in Lansing, Michigan; Debbie was also our school representative to the seventeenth District Congressional Student Forum; she was also one of our school representatives at the Detroit News' Project: Graduation conference.

Most people at this point would say "wow! this woman is really busy". There is more to come! Debbie puts her skills to work on many community projects. She is the youth chairperson and coordinator, for the Seventeenth District Republican Committee, she is the founder and chairperson of the Seventeenth District, Southfield, and Oakland County teenage Republicans; she was the National teenage Republican Valedictorian; she is currently a Southfield City Council Commissioner - Youth Commissioner, Southfield Parent Youth Guidance Commissioner. This past summer Debbie was the youngest Congressional Intern in the United States Congress for Mark D. Siljander. Debbie is currently a member of American MENSA; she is a member of the Saks Fifth Avenue teen board; she is Editor of the Michigan Teenage Republican Tribune; Debbie has been a panelist on the W-4 106 FM

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Radio Newstalk show, "W-4 Sight". Debbie is also the chairperson for the National Conference of Synagogue Youth; and to cap her life off, she was a gold and silver medalist in the International Maccabi Youth games on the United States tennis, track, and cross country teams.

Debbie Schlussel is a student leader without peer in our society. The beauty of Debbie is that she learns from her experiences as a leader and is very willing to share what she learns with others. Debbie is a leader who speaks out. She is bright, attentive, curious, enthusiastic, and ready for any challenge. I recommend her very enthusiastically.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Hogan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Hogan
Principal



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To Whom It May Concern:

Debbie Schussel is a very mature, self motivated young lady with strong leadership skills. She demonstrates an inordinate amount of energy in everything from school work to tennis to political activities.

Debbie entered Southfield High School as a Junior in the 1984-85 school year. I became acquainted with her while she was a student in my Psychology class. Debbie has the ability to communicate her beliefs without calling excessive attention to herself. This might best be illustrated by an incident that occurred during class. It was in the midst of the Reagan - Mondale presidential campaign. Debbie came to class wearing her usual Reagan campaign buttons and someone asked her what Reagan was going to do for them. The student continued that only the rich would benefit. With this several other students verbally attacked her political persuasion. Debbie very calmly answered questions and successfully explained why she believed as she did. Her in-depth understanding and explanation of national and international issues made her very convincing. I was impressed with her knowledge as well as the confident and mature manner in which she responded.

I am enclosing a copy of an article that appeared in our school paper in September. This article mentions the many activities Debbie is involved in as well as those she has initiated.

Debbie is a very stable person with a strong value system who I am pleased to recommend.

Rosamond Nelson
Counselor - Teacher

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Political honors, opportunities fill Schlussel's summer

By ANDY SMITH
JAY Co-Editor

Capitol Hill became familiar territory to Southfield High School senior Debbie Schlussel as she spent much of her summer involved with Republican politics in Washington, DC.

Schlussel's adventure began at the National Teenage Republican (TAR) Leadership Conference where she was named the national TAR valedictorian for her outstanding service to the party. Eighty-seven young people attended the 20th annual conference representing an estimated 350,000 TAR's. Schlussel was chosen for the highest honor out of the people attending the conference.

Following the week-long meeting, Schlussel took advantage of several opportunities that her honor presented. While still in Washington, she served a brief tenure as Washington's youngest congressional intern with Republican Representative Mark Siljander from Michigan's fourth district. During this time she had the chance to meet with many of the Republican politicians she has always admired such as prospective presidential candidate Jack Kemp and Illinois Congressman Phil Crane, whom she introduced at the TAR conference. She also had the pleasure of attending dinners, receptions and speeches in and around Washington.

"It is very exciting to meet the people that affect you," Schlussel said. "These people make the decisions that affect your life."

People



SHS senior Schlussel smiles with New York Senator Jack Kemp.

While working for Congressman Siljander, Schlussel researched a resolution condemning Soviet violations of a United Nations declaration on human rights, citing treatment of Soviets Jews as an example, and also wrote several related letters. During some of her

research work, she had the opportunity to work with a Georgetown professor whose articles she has read.

Through meeting with many of Washington's big names, Schlussel learned a great deal about the American political system and the people who run

it. She felt "disillusioned" when she first realized that a congressman's letters are usually written by an intern like herself but she also gained an appreciation for what a "hard job" being a congressman actually is.

"I learned that everything is not black and white. Once you see what is actually going on, things are shades of gray," Schlussel said. "They (congressmen) do try to meet the needs of the people they represent."

Schlussel also noticed what a large role a politician's image and who a politician knows actually plays in the entire re-election scheme.

"Your image can make or break you," Schlussel said. "It's not always what you know but also who you know."

Schlussel, who plans a career in politics, first became involved in the Republican party during the Reagan-Bush re-election campaign and has played a major role in Michigan TAR. She has worked hard at tying her political involvement in with her involvement with several Jewish organizations. She recently formed the Michigan Youth Zionists Political Action Committee (MYZPAC), the first American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) affiliated program for high school students.

Through all of Schlussel's work with the Republican forces in Washington, she also acquired a new appreciation for the American two-party system.

"Thank God for both parties. This is the beauty of our country."

ing tunnel!

To her, it's a Grand Young Party

By DAWSON BELL
Free Press Staff Writer

Occasionally, someone makes the mistake of asking Debbie Schlusel what business she has getting herself involved in politics.

The 16-year-old Southfield High School senior says they tell her: "You can't even vote yet. What kind of difference are you going to make? ... Kids don't understand politics."

A skilled debater, Schlusel will concede the first point as obvious, assail the second as naive, and, displaying an acumen that would make some well-seasoned pols envious, thoroughly destroy the credibility of the last.

IN JULY, that kind of display led her to the top of the class at a national convention of Teenage Republicans. Schlusel, in her first full year with TARS, was selected valedictorian from the 87 convention delegates.

And if the fervor of her Republicanism was considered, the selection is small wonder.

Schlusel is the daughter of politically conservative but "independent" parents. Schlusel is the kind of young person President Reagan believes is the future of this country.

A sampling of her opinions:

- "Kids have misconceptions about Ronald Reagan. They think that Reagan doesn't care about poor people. It's nothing new, but it's nothing true either."
- "Everybody wants to talk about oppression in South Africa. What about oppression in the Soviet Union?"
- "I don't need the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) to make me equal to men. I really don't like the feminist movement and I despise Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan."

Pretty strong stuff for an Orthodox Jew from the Democratic stronghold of Southfield.

But she delivers it with facility, and the kind of conviction and energy that helped organize a



Debbie Schlusel, 16, aspires to public office someday. Meanwhile, she has won a seat on the six-member Southfield High School Board. "Most of the people that I go out with intend not to be Republicans," she says. "But that's the beauty of America; people with different viewpoints can co-exist and be friends."

Free Press Photo by DAYMON J. HARTLEY

local Teenage Republican club that has grown from virtually no members to 75 to 100 in 18 months.

That same drive netted Schlusel a job as a summer intern with U.S. Rep. Mark Siljander, R-Three Rivers, at the end of the convention.

Schlusel aspires to public office someday, after college and law school.

MEANWHILE, she has won a seat on the six-member Southfield High School Board, which she attributes to "being able to make friends."

"Most of the people that I go out with intend not to be Republicans," she said. "But that's the beauty of America; people with different viewpoints can co-exist and be friends."

Schlusel said she is friendly, for instance,

with her own congressman, liberal Democrat Sander Levin.

"We're on speaking terms. He's a nice guy but we totally disagree on everything," she said. "I think he's a phony."

On the other side of the coin is Illinois Congressman Phil Crane, an ambitious conservative Republican whom Schlusel considers one of her role models.

In her spare time, Schlusel has qualified as a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist, held down spots on the school debate and tennis teams, written for the school newspaper and spun records for the school radio station.

"Some people don't realize what power and potential (Teenage Republicans) have," she said. "I do."



Debbie Schlussel pals around with Congressman Phil Crane.

Blue Jay seniors spend week in DC

By **NANCY HUFFMAN**
JAY Staff Writer

Recently, seniors Nancy Huffman and Debbie Schlussel were given the opportunity to mix with students from across the US, sharing and learning about the American political process as part of the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC.

They were selected by the National Honor Society to attend the conference. The cost of the conference was covered by the school.

The students' six-day stay in Washington, DC began with an illuminated tour of the city and some of its famous monuments.

Throughout the week the students attended speeches with many prominent politicians and media people. They learned about the legislative process through holding their own mock Congress.

For entertainment the students visited the Smithsonian museums and attended a

theater performance at the Kennedy Center.

One of the highlights of the trip was the day students got to explore Capitol Hill on their own. Schlussel met with many congressmen and senators including Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and 1988 presidential hopeful Jack Kemp. She also happened to run into Senator Ted Kennedy. Huffman spent her day observing the House of Representatives and the Senate in action, attending a televised Senate committee meeting and touring the Capitol.

"The trip was a great learning experience. It was neat to meet people from all over the country. I've never been to Washington, DC before, so there were a lot of things new to me. I learned a lot about politics and the media," said Huffman.

Schlussel also gained much from the conferences. "It was a great experience and I think the school should continue to sponsor the program. One important thing I learned was that no matter what a person's political belief is, you still have to respect them for having a viewpoint." □

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Debbie Schlussel

Southfield teen captures title at GOP conference

By Neal Haldane
staff writer

While most high school students spent their summer hanging out or going to the beach, Debbie Schlussel of Southfield immersed herself in politics.

And the Southfield High School senior's efforts paid off when she was named National Teen Age Republican (TAR) valedictorian at the group's leadership conference in the Washington, D.C., area.

More than 200,000 teen-agers are members of the Republican group, but only 87 attended the weeklong seminar on party leadership, Schlussel said.

"I'm very conservative," Schlussel admitted. "I've always identified with the principles of the Republican party."

Those principles have not gone over so well at Southfield High where most of the students lean more toward the Democratic party, she said.

"At first, everyone thought I was very weird. They were always arguing with me and they had misconceptions about Republicans."

Provided with a forum in the school newspaper, Schlussel was able to answer critics and score some points with classmates.

"IF I WENT to a school which was

pro-Republican, I wouldn't feel like I was doing anything. I've got a lot of work to do."

Schlussel said she has been successful in signing of fellow students for the Southfield TAR, a group she formed.

In addition, she is president of the 17th Congressional District chapter and is acting chair of the Oakland County association.

Schlussel became actively involved in the political process when she helped with the re-election campaign of the Reagan/Bush ticket.

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Teen captures GOP honors

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"I got interested in the campaign so I became involved. Everyone complains about the system, but the only way to do something is to become involved in the political process."

Her involvement led to the trip to the national convention and her valedictorian honor.

She was originally nominated for honors as an Outstanding TAR but ended

up with the highest honor at the 20th annual conference.

She was chosen because of her leadership and service to the group.

With her honor, Schlussel stayed in Washington for a couple extra weeks becoming an intern for U.S. Rep. Mark Siljander, R-Three Rivers.

ANSWERING letters from constituents and doing research work for the representative filled Schlussel's days in Washington.

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Southfield High honor student Debbie Schlussel, student director of the school's ra-

dio station, WSHJ, takes time out to joke with staff members of The Southfield Jay.

Young leader

Active teen eyes Washington

by Tim Smith
staff writer...

The recent National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., carried the theme, "Tomorrow's Leaders Meeting the Leaders of Today."

In the case of Southfield High student Debbie Schlussel, the theme was well placed. The busy 17-year-old senior is on her way to becoming one of tomorrow's leaders.

Schlussel, interviewed recently at her Southfield home, hopes to one day carry her enthusiasm and leadership qualities — honed by her involvement in numerous political, school and community endeavors — all the way to Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Congress.

"She credits her father, Herschel, with initially sparking her interest in politics."

"My dad would always have political shows on TV on Sunday mornings, like 'Meet The Press,' 'This Week With David Brinkley,' and

portraits

"Face The Nation," Schlussel recalled. "I just became interested."

AND THAT interest was fueled in 1980, when Herschel Schlussel worked for the Reagan/Bush campaign, and paraded Debbie — then in the sixth grade — at the victory party.

Schlussel said her move two years ago from private to public school opened her eyes to exciting new horizons.

"It kind of went from one extreme to the other when I came (to Southfield High)," said Schlussel, a former student at Akiva Hebrew Day School.

"At Akiva, I had only 17 kids in my class, and they were all the same. I thought it would be a lot better to go

to school less, do other things more, and meet people with other interests.

"I've been able to accomplish all those things at Southfield High."

AN ACTIVE force at The Southfield Jay school newspaper, and radio station WSHJ, Schlussel has since compiled a long and impressive leadership log, which includes in part:

- Valedictorian for National Teen Age Republicans.

- Youth Chairman for Michigan's 17th Congressional District Republican Committee.

- Commissioner on the Southfield Parent-Youth Guidance Commission.

- Chairman of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth.

- School representative for the Oakland County Leadership Forum.

THE EFFERVESCENT Schlussel, by the way, still finds enough time to be a teenager. She puts Phil Collins and Genesis at the top of her musical hit list, recently viewed the movie

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'Be involved' is her message

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"Pretty in Pink," and gets in occasional games of tennis.

While many teenagers spend large chunks of time in front of television screens or video games, or hanging out at burger palaces, that's not the case for politically astute Schlus- sel.

Instead, Schlus- sel analyzes the burger and studies government consumer guidelines that apply to the popular fast food.

"The average hamburger has 41 different regulations, right down to the thickness of the pickle. I would think government has better things to do," said Schlus- sel.

"Government has become too big, too involved in people's lives," she continued. "The only barriers to what people can do should be their own self-barriers."

SO THE YOUNG Republican has set out to smash down as many "bar- riers" as she can, and to make the world a better place.

"My message to the kids I'm leav-

ing behind (at Southfield High) is to be involved with things.

"If you're not involved, you'll feel people are doing things to you, but actually you're doing them to your- self."

A highlight for Schlus- sel, who hopes to pursue a degree in political science at either Georgetown or Princeton universities, was her re- cent selection to the National Young Leaders Conference.

Schlus- sel and Nancy Huffman, both National Honor Society mem- bers at Southfield High, were chosen to participate in the weeklong activi- ties, designed to give the students an inside view at Washington, D.C.'s po- litical environment.

Most visitors to Washington might call a tour of the city's historic land- marks the most memorable event. Not Debbie Schlus- sel, however.

(SHE SAID she most enjoyed a "mock" Congress, complete with ma- jority leaders, lobbyists, Republi- cans and Democrats.

"We tried to pass a tariff bill on imported textiles, and also to bal- ance the budget. It was quite an ex- perience."

Also high on the teenagers list was a Congressional breakfast reception on Capitol Hill, which gave her the chance to talk with various political leaders.

Given her future goal to become a congresswoman, Schlus- sel kept her eyes and ears wide open.

"I was taking into account their styles and the behavior they need to maintain in order to stay in office, and deal with the press and constitu- ents."

Because 25 is the earliest allow- able age to be elected to Congress, Schlus- sel will have to wait until 1994 to realize her top goal.

IF CAPITOL Hill does not become a reality for her, though, she said she has an alternative plan.

"If politics doesn't work out, I'd consider a career in journalism or broadcasting. Besides, in order to be

a good politician, you have to be a good communicator."

How busy is Debbie Schlus- sel? Among other accomplishments, Schlus- sel was the youngest congres- sional intern last summer, when she worked for Michigan Congressman Mark Sijlander, received the Medal of Merit Award from Congressman Sander Levin, and picked up gold and silver medals in tennis, track, and cross country running during the 1984 International Maccabi Youth Games, the Jewish equivalent of the Junior Olympics.

How can she find the time for all her activities?

"I concentrate on more important things, and not so much on less im- portant things."

"Other kids might deal with their problems in a negative way, with drugs and alcohol. But I do it in a positive way, with sports and my in- volvement in politics and other ac- tivities."

"Besides, I catch up on my sleep during weekends."



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Always active, Debbie Schlus- sel says she won't rest until her march takes her all the way to Washington, D.C., and a seat on the U.S. Congress.

Good News



and as an intern in the office of US Congressman Mark Siljander (R-Three Rivers, MI). After college and law school she aspires to public office.

SHS senior Debbie Schlussel.

SHS Senior Sweeps Competitions

During the course of the 1985-86 school year Southfield High School senior **Debbie K. Schlussel** has collected an admirable number of awards and honors. The school year started with notification that she had been named a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. After that, the honors just kept coming.

Debbie was one of 22 national finalists in the United States Senate Youth Scholarship Program; one of ten state finalists in the National Association of Secondary Principals Century III Leaders Scholarship Competition; a recipient of US Congressman Sander Levin's Seventeenth District Congressional Medal of Merit; one of eight Michigan representatives to the 1986 National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC last month; national semi-finalist in the Jostens Foundation Leaders Scholarship Program; one of 26 finalists in the League of Jewish Women's Organizations of America - Youth Awards Scholarship Competition; and the first place award winner in the Voice of Democracy Oratorical Contest sponsored by Southfield Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Debbie is the vice president of the Southfield High School Youth-in-Government Club and is a trustee of the Senior Class Board. Other school involvement includes membership on the Southfield High School tennis, track, debate and forensics teams. A staff member of the school radio station WSHJ, she also sits on the station's editorial board. In addition, she is a news writer for the school newspaper, the Southfield JAY. Out-of-school activities include the chairmanships of the Oakland County Teenage Republicans and the National Conference of Synagogue Youth and youth commissioner on the Southfield Parent-Youth Guidance Commission.

Last summer Debbie was selected as valedictorian of the National Teenage Republicans Convention

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Cheap Or Fair Comment:
Reagan, Nicaragua, JewsBY DEBBIE K. SCHLUSSEL
Special to The Jewish News

As a student, as an American, and as a Jew, I was appalled at the egregious cartoon which appeared on Page Four of the March 28 *Jewish News*. Perhaps one of the reasons that there is so much anti-Semitism in the world is the fact that liberal Jewish establishments, such as *The Jewish News*, repeatedly alienate our allies, such as President Reagan, in such a crass and craven manner, whenever they attempt to help us. President Reagan was doing the Jews a favor by exposing Sandinista anti-Semitism because until recently, the media, including *The Jewish News*, have failed, perhaps deliberately, even to mention it. As a member of the National Jewish Coalition and Citizens For America, I will elaborate on this.

The communist Sandinista regime abuses the human rights of its own people and threatens the security of the United States. In addition to the Sandinista shutdown of Radio Catolica (Nicaragua's Catholic radio station), the totalitarian regime of Nicaragua's "elected" president (I use the term "elected" with reservation), Commandante Daniel Ortega, has committed many atrocities in carrying out its strict policy of religious suppression. Any sign of religious expression is not tolerated by the Sandinista dictatorship, and is swiftly obliterated.

The Nicaraguan government continues to insist that it practices separation of Church and State. Yet, it continues to sponsor anti-Pope rallies, and employs several token pro-Sandinista Catholic priests as "government advisers."

The Sandinistas also represent a specific threat to the many Central

American Jews. That threat is anti-Semitism. Before the Sandinista revolution, anti-Semitism in Nicaragua was virtually non-existent. However, as the Sandinistas gained strength, so too did anti-Semitism.

Flagrant anti-Semitic acts — the firebombing and burning down of the Managua Synagogue with its

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congregants trapped inside by the Sandinista soldiers, the confiscation of Jewish property, the arbitrary arrest and detention of Jews — were committed by the Sandinistas as their revolution was at its height and once they were in power. The Sandinista soldiers, after they set the Managua Synagogue afire, shouted, "Death to the Jews! What Hitler started, we will finish!"

How is it that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the President of the United States, the U.S. State Department, and many in the U.S. Congress have documented and proven consistent Sandinista anti-Semitism, and yet, one Rabbi Balfour Brickner of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, no proven authority on foreign affairs or anti-Semitism, continues to deny that Sandinista anti-Semitism has ever existed? Couldn't it be that his extreme liberal bias has blinded him from the facts of Sandinista anti-Semitism, and caused him to make

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Debbie Schlusel is a Southfield High School senior and National Teenage Republican Valedictorian.

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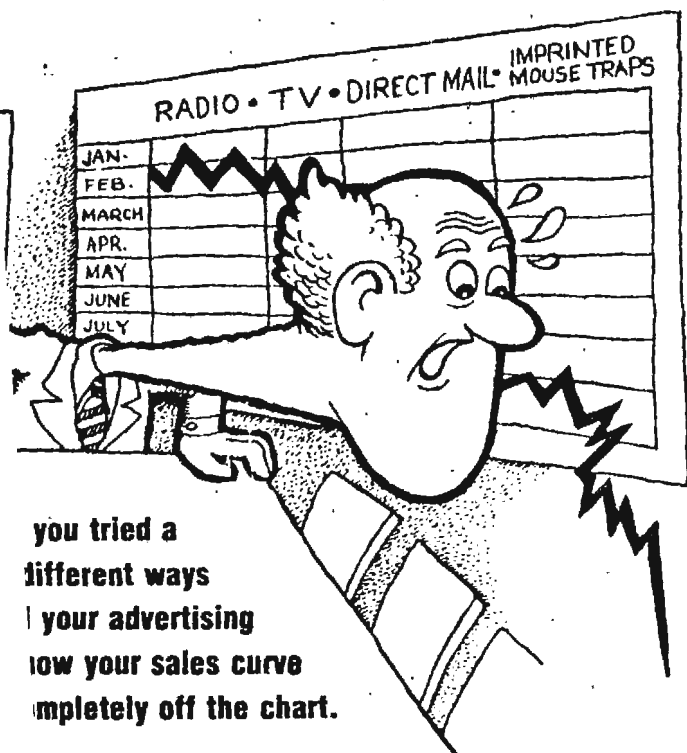
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his most fanciful claims?

Rabbi Brickner is right about one thing, when he says that the Managua Synagogue remains intact. Since the firebombing, the synagogue has been seized, repaired, and converted into a center for Sandinista youth, plastered with PLO posters and smeared with anti-Semitic graffiti. I guess that the Sandinista government just didn't show or tell Brickner about any of this when they fed him their propaganda on his trip to Nicaragua.

The entire Jewish population of Nicaragua was forced to flee Nicaragua as a result of Sandinista anti-Semitism. Now, however, Jews elsewhere in the region have reason to worry as the Sandinista try to spread their revolution to other countries. The recent capture of a Sandinist-trained terrorist in Costa Rica, must have sent chills up the spines of the Jews there. The terrorist told police of an elaborate plan to kidnap the leaders of the Costa Rican Jewish community.

Sandinista anti-Semitism is not manifested solely in attacks against Jewish communities in Central America. The Sandinistas have a long history of involvement with the PLO, that evil group bent on destroying Israel. The PLO maintains a fully accredited "embassy" in Managua. During a ceremony marking the Sandinista takeover, Nicaraguan Interior Minister Tomas Borge said, "We say to our brother Arafat that Nicaragua is his land and that the PLO cause is the cause of the Sandinistas." Arafat replied, "The links between us are not new. Your comrades did not come to our country just to train, but also to fight. Your enemies are our enemies."

Arafat's statement was not mere rhetoric. The Sandinistas are proud to have fought in the Middle East with the PLO. They have made a martyr of Patrick Arguello Ryan. Arguello, who was killed leading the famous PLO hijacking of four airplanes in 1970, has a Nicaraguan power station named after him.

Many of the current Sandinista leaders trained in PLO camps. As a Sandinista spokesman told a Kuwaiti newspaper in 1979, "In the early 1970s, Nicaraguan and Palestinian blood was spilled together in Amman and in other places during the 'Black September battles.'"

It is interesting to note that Michigan's U.S. Senator, Carl Levin, stated publicly that he will support the Sandinista government because it is popular among and has the support of the Nicaraguan people. I question which "people," besides the Nicaraguan communist elite, he is referring to. Furthermore, even if this allegation were true, Adolph Hitler and the Nazis, a group whose policies and tactics the Sandinistas seem to be emulating, were a popular regime. Does this mean that we should have supported them too?

Recently, Senator Levin, Michigan Congressman Howard Wolpe and Sander Levin, and other politicians co-sponsored the Anne Frank exhibit, which toured Metropolitan Detroit and other parts of Michigan. Unfortunately, Anne Frank and 11 million other victims of the Holocaust are long gone and cannot be revived. Yet, those who Senator Levin and Congressmen Wolpe and Levin can take legislative action to help — the Anne Franks of today living in Central America — they have chosen to betray. All three voted against aid to the Contras, regardless of blatant Sandinista anti-Semitism. Perhaps this is because they oppose only pro-U.S. dictatorships which violate human rights, but not communist dictatorships that commit the same crime to a greater degree.

I would like to commend U.S. Senator Chic Hecht (R-Nevada) and Congressmen Mark Siljander (R-Michigan) and Mario Biaggi (D-New York) for their outspoken reporting of Sandinista anti-Semitism. As the 1986 elections draw near, let us, as Jews, remember the elected officials who proved to be our true friends.

The Sandinistas represent a real threat to all Central American Jews. What will happen if the Sandinistas forcefully spread their ideology beyond Nicaragua to other countries? I shudder to think what will become of the Jews in Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador.

I, and others in the American Jewish community, have a special interest in convincing our elected officials that Sandinista aggression must be recognized and halted, that we must support those fighting for freedom by authorizing aid to the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance — the freedom fighters. We cannot again sit idly by as Central American Jews face the threat of official anti-Semitism and exile!

First Spanish Envoy Arrives

Tel Aviv (JTA)— Pedro Lopez Aguirre de Goa, the first Ambassador of Spain to Israel, arrived here last Sunday and will present his credentials to President Chaim Herzog soon. Spain and Israel established diplomatic relations in January and the first Israeli envoy, Shmuel Hadass, has already taken up his post in Madrid.

In remarks to reporters, Lopez Aguirre stressed that his country's diplomatic recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization would in no way to affect its relations with Israel. He noted that the PLO has had an office in Madrid for some years and raising it to Embassy status did not herald any new developments.

Soviets Proven Blatant Violators On Helsinki Human Rights Accords

BY DEBORAH K. SCHLUSSEL

On June 3, 1976, the United States, Canada, and all European nations, with the exception of Albania, ended a series of long discussions on issues by signing the Helsinki Accords. This six-page document details compliance with and monitoring of certain human rights, economic, scientific, cultural exchange, and security issues. Human rights, one of the major components of the Helsinki Accords, is described in detail. By signing this document, the signatories pledged civil liberties and free emigration to all of their citizens and visitors.

The Soviet Union, one of the major parties to the Helsinki Accords, is also one of the most blatant violators of human rights in the world. By signing the Helsinki Accords, the Soviets formalized their commitment to certain policies governing emigration and concerning human rights. However, they have apparently taken this with a grain of salt. Perhaps the Soviets do not view emigration and human rights with the seriousness that we do, but nonetheless, they must be held accountable by the treaties that they have signed, or else, what is the purpose of negotiating any other treaties with them. One-sided agreements are useless and in vain, and once one party breaks its end of the bargain, the whole deal is void.

The Soviet Union was also a sponsor of and signed the U.S. Declaration of Human Rights. This is a 30-page document which elaborately details the various human rights and freedoms by which they, the other parties and sponsors involved, and all members of the United Nations Assembly were to abide. Not unlike the Helsinki Accords, this document highlights and affirms the most fundamental human rights: liberty of thought, conscience, and faith; the exercise of civil and political rights; and the rights of minorities. Also not unlike the Helsinki Accords, the Soviet Union has clearly and profusely violated the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights. Not only does the Soviet Union deny its citizens any civil liberty, but it also refuses its citizens their right to emigrate from this oppressive country so that they may practice freedom elsewhere. The following will further elaborate on a few of the various human rights violations committed by the Soviet Communist dictatorship.

The major ethnic group affected by this dictatorial domination is the Soviet Jewish population. Jewish cultural and religious expression has long been restricted, and there are apparent Soviet obstacles to its preservation. There are no Hebrew or Yiddish schools, and Hebrew and Yiddish publications and language instruction are extremely limited, if not already obsolete. Less than 60 synagogues remain, and rabbin-

ical training is non-existent, due to no other reason than the fact that it is not permitted by the Soviet government. Therefore, it is not surprising that these synagogues are run by "rabbis" who are actually trained and registered KGB agents appointed by the Soviet authorities to monitor Jewish activity.

Jews who engage in any religious activity must do so clandestinely, for if they are caught practicing religion, they will be arrested, detained, interrogated, imprisoned, and quite often, never seen again.

Soviet Jews have been beaten and arrested for teaching Hebrew, and KGB raids on homes have increased in recent months. Psychiatric hospitals and mental institutions are being used to silence the dissent of the refuseniks, and many Jews are being incarcerated in prisons and concentration camps. Ex-refusenik Yosef Mendeleovich stated that, without a doubt, anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union is on the same level as that of Nazi Germany before the Holocaust.

This constant anti-Semitism coupled with decreasing opportunities for higher education and professional positions has prompted more and more Jews to seek emigration from the USSR. At first, only the less-

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assimilated Jews living in Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Baltics tried to leave, but increasingly, assimilated Jews living in the Slavic republics, especially in the RSFSR (Russia Republic) and the Ukraine have applied to emigrate. This is significant, for it appears that life in the Soviet Union is becoming intolerable for more and more Jews, even those who do not identify with being Jewish. These assimilated Jews had been loyal proponents of the Soviet way of life.

Emigration has declined from a peak of 51,000 in 1979, to 896 in 1984, a drop of over 98 percent. The figures for the first 11 months of this year (1985) amount to almost nothing in terms of emigration. They are as follows: January-61, February-88, March-97, April-166, May-51, June-36, July-174, August-29, September-93, October-124 and November-128, for a sum total of 647. The Soviets respond by saying that many Jews have been wrongly influenced by "Zionists." Hostile Zionist propaganda, they maintain, has deceptively lured many Soviet Jews to Israel from the USSR. On March 31, 1983, the Soviet press reported "the formation of

an anti-Zionist committee in the Soviet public." So much for human rights, civil liberties, and freedom in the Soviet Union.

The human rights community would be better advised to follow the advice of Dr. Andrei Sakharov, who warned that "Weakness, or even the hint of weakness and vulnerability to blackmail, is inconsistent with the defense of human rights and can lead to tragic consequences." The time has come for the United States to come to grips with the violations of the Soviet Union. Such acts of evil cannot for the good of the Jewish people and other minority groups within the Soviet Union, and for the good of the word and mankind, remained unthwarted.

Refusenik's Day In Labor Camp

BY JEFFREY SELIK

Every morning I wake up after having the same dream night after night. I dream I am on a big airplane en route to America, the land of freedom. Then all of a sudden, reality hits me like a knife in my heart. I am shivering in my bed in my barrack, a prisoner in a Soviet labor camp.

I'm so hungry, yet I know these sharp pains in my stomach will not disappear as long as I must remain here. I long for a decent meal, but I realize that the chances for my release are unlikely. I will soon eat what they refer to as breakfast. I will have a hard wedge of black bread and a small cup of spoiled milk. After "breakfast" I begin another day of hard labor.

There are so many things I want to learn about, but there is no one here to teach me about them. It is important to me to learn all about my Jewish heritage and without that information, I feel like there is a large void in my life. I want to know about other countries and the people that live in them. I dream of the time that I can visit these places as a free man.

My mother told me that when she was a girl, she went to a party. She said she had a good time. I have never been to a party before, but the best time I ever had was the time I was sick and I couldn't work for two days.

When I became 13 years old, I wanted so very much to be bar mitzvahed. Unfortunately, I couldn't. I know that it is not possible here, but I won't be a real man or a real Jew until I can. It hurts so much to want something so badly but to be denied my heritage.

Soon it will be time for dinner. Then I will go to bed, and dream my same dream, just to wake up in the morning to the chill of reality.

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Holocaust Center memorializes martyrs

By DEBBIE K. SCHLUSSEL
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A major attraction in the Metropolitan Detroit area is the Holocaust Memorial Center. The Center opened its doors in 1984, and has since attracted over 120,000 visitors. The center features many exhibits depicting the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust, and it is the only museum of its kind in North America.

The Holocaust Memorial Center celebrated its first birthday in November. To commemorate this, a special showing of the center, as well as a fundraising dinner, were held. Both were attended by many national, state and local public officials. Among these were Michigan Governor James Blanchard, Michigan US Senators Carl Levin and Donald Riegle and the entire Michigan US Congressional delegation.

Senator Riegle compared the Center with Yad VaShem (another Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem). He said that seeing the museum is "one of the most powerful experiences of life. The magnitude of human tragedy is almost unimaginable for people unless it is in a memorial. You can almost see what happened through the pain and anguish in the faces of the many Holocaust victims in the pictures." Senator Levin stated that "it is an effort to make sure history doesn't repeat itself. The Holocaust Memorial Center gives life to the martyrs."

US Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole was on hand to accept the Holocaust Memorial Center's first Righteousness Award on behalf of Congress. It was given to Congress for making the US a safe haven for Holocaust survivors. He was so touched by the museum that he did not wish to speak much about it after he toured it. "It's very important to all of us," he said.

Rabbi Charles Rosenzweig is the founder and director of the Holocaust Memorial Center. He first introduced the concept of the Center in 1961, the first effort to start building the Center began in 1975 and the Center opened its doors in 1984. It was built at the Detroit Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield for economic reasons, but 80 percent of those who have visited the center aren't Jewish and schools have come to tour the Center from all over Michigan and many other states throughout the country.

Rabbi Rosenzweig founded the Center because the Holocaust was such a devastating thing, that not to teach it is inconceivable. I couldn't believe how the poor country of Israel could afford to live, and still, they built Yad VaShem, but in America, a very affluent country, there was nothing to memorialize the Holocaust.

The Holocaust Memorial Center is presented to visitors by a tour guide. At the beginning of the Center, its goals are proclaimed, "education and memorializing" so that the Holocaust won't happen again. The tour starts with a diorama featuring the history of Jewish Diaspora and a film depicting the endless anti-Semitism that Jews have experienced throughout the ages. It continues with a display of Jewish artifacts, values, family life, scholars and scientists of the Holocaust era. Hitler's voice, with all its power, resounds from another exhibit depicting Hitler's ways of making people anti-Semitic through his charisma and mass appeal. The systematic dehumanization of the Jewish people is shown via the Nuremberg laws, which took away the rights of Jews. Anti-Semitic comic books and games designed to teach German children to hate and kill Jews are juxtaposed with the toys of German adults, trains with signs that say "We are going to Poland to dispose of the Jews." Other



A view of the Holocaust Center in West Bloomfield.

exhibits display "Kristall Nacht," the first organized pogrom in Germany against Jews.

Most visitors agree, however, that the theater featuring a video tape of Holocaust survivors recounting their experiences is the most moving of the exhibits.

SHS senior Julie Knoll agrees. She visited the Holocaust Memorial Center in March and it has left a great impact on her. "I left crying after seeing such horrifying exhibits of human cruelty toward a group of people who did absolutely nothing to deserve what they got. I think it's important because people shouldn't forget what happened, and people who don't really

know what happened can learn the truth in hopes that it will never happen again.

A study done by the Center shows "greater determination on the part of those who visited it never to let the Holocaust happen again. Visitors come out more on guard to protect democracy," Rabbi Rosenzweig said. "It has a strong humanitarian impact on people and makes them believe more strongly in G-d in order to combat totalitarianism."

The Holocaust Memorial Center is located at 6602 West Maple Road in West Bloomfield. The phone number of the Center is (313) 661-0480 and it is closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

Ex-refusnik Mendelevich protests treatment of Soviet Jews

By DEBBIE K. SCHLUSSEL
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While most SHS students will be enjoying the holiday season and its festivities, many people in the Soviet Union, denied their freedoms, will not be allowed this privilege.

One such afflicted group is Soviet Jewry. Soviet Jews experience discrimination and persecution, and those who wish to emigrate to another country are denied this right and usually fired from their jobs. These people are called "refusniks." Yosef Mendelevich, one of the most famous ex-refusniks outside of the Soviet Union, was in Metropolitan Detroit in November.

Mendelevich staged a rally on behalf of Soviet Jewry at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, which was attended by close to 1,000 people. There he told his story and of the conditions of Jews and others in the Soviet Union.



Ex-refusnik Yosef Mendelevich

Born in 1947, in Riga, Latvia (a state in western Soviet Union), Mendelevich had no knowledge of the Jewish religion. "When I was young, I had no Jewish background. Nobody could educate me about it (Judaism) because, in the Soviet Union, Jewish institutions aren't permitted. I was enclosed. I could not have any Jewish cultural activities. They aren't allowed."

Mendelevich also experienced anti-Semitism in school. "I was several times beaten to unconsciousness by big groups of kids. I was only one person and could not defend myself against all of them. Many times, I had very big stones thrown at my head."

However, anti-Semitism was not only restricted to his childhood. "I entered the local university. Jews aren't allowed to be admitted to the prestigious universities. I was not admitted to medical school. Jews can't be medical students."

Mendelevich said that "There was only one synagogue in Latvia for 30,000 Jews. The KGB forced the synagogue officials to inform and notify them of all their activities. My father was educated about Judaism when Russia was a free country, and he had to teach me in a dark place where nobody saw us," he said.

Mendelevich was put on trial for "parasitism" because he didn't work on Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath. Convicted, he was put in a prison with hardened criminals for three years. After he was

released, he applied to emigrate to Israel and was fired from his job as an engineer. He and a few others were tricked into hijacking a plane to Sweden, where they could go to Israel. "The KGB made it so easy for us and watched us the whole time. They arranged a good flight at a good time and announced it in the newspaper. Then they watched us from far away," Mendelevich was arrested and sent to a Siberian prison for 12 years.

At the prison, Mendelevich was forced to do hard labor, but he still managed to keep his religion, secretly.

"At the prison, the Soviets demanded a big quantity of production. We worked from very early in the morning to very late at night without stop, and if we didn't have the strength to do it, we would be put in the punishment box, (a small box made of cement with a board to sleep on). You could spend months in there, and food rations (usually 1200 or 1300 calories a day) were cut in half. No visitors were allowed."

Mendelevich described other conditions in the Soviet Union. "Someone who criticizes the government will be fired and watched, and maybe even sent to prison. If someone is a Hebrew teacher, that's illegal, and they'll search his home and arrest him. There is nothing in the Soviet Union, not bread and not potatoes, nothing!"

The Soviets are out to put an end to religion, to belief and believers. My beard was forcibly shaven because it was a religious symbol. The Communists can't tolerate religion in the Soviet Union."

Mendelevich equated the Soviet Union's treatment of Jews with the Nazis' use of concentration camps, et al. "Communism is just like Fascism. The Soviet Union is fulfilling the 'Final Solution' of the Nazis. Old men and young men are mistreated and beaten for practicing religious activities. When I applied to Israel, the Soviet officers told me, 'You will live Communism, and you will live in Russia and you will die in Russia.' Soviet leaders told me that Brezhnev made a big mistake when he opened the gates a little for emigration."

Mendelevich is very leery of both peace talks and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. "They say first peace talks and then human rights. How can you have peace without human rights? There will be no peace in the Soviet Union if we believe the lies that they are feeding us. People say Gorbachev's a young person, open-minded, a liberal, a democrat. They say his wife is beautiful, and he is almost like an American. This same person is a student of Communism, a student of Stalin, and he joined the Communist Party under Stalin."

Mendelevich said that the only way to help Soviet Jews from their plight is to write letters "to Senators and Congressmen and President Reagan, urging them to do something. Write refusniks. Prisoners will never get letters, but the prison managers won't treat them as bad if they get a lot of letters," he advocated.

"I don't know what would have happened if I didn't get out," Mendelevich said. "My belief in G-d helped me survive 12 years in the prison. I got out of the Soviet Union because a lot of people in the United States lobbied hard to get me out."