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WORLD ORGANISATION OF JEWISH DEAF

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Shalom everyone !!

I would like to convey my belated New Year greeting, although it is better late than never, due to postal strike and other matters, etc. I do wish you all A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. May 5749 be a brighter year for you all, here in England as well as in Israel and in Worldwide.

In the past year, I was very happy and very proud to say that there had been quite a lot of achievements for the World Organisation of Jewish Deaf as a whole; and the 3rd World Convention of Jewish Deaf held in Tel-Aviv, Israel, April 1988 was a big success.

What I would like to say especially to all Jewish deaf-members in England, to Mrs. Pat Goldring, the JDA Executive-Director, to all members of the JDA Council and, of course, to the Rev. Michael Plaskow, the hon. JDA Chaplain :- My personal and special thanks to each and everyone of you for your kind support that you all had given me that was well-worth spent to make these achievements possible.

My sincerest thanks goes, especially, to the past and the present WOJD Board and Bureau members for their excellent work, and also for their excellent cooperation as well as their strong support and encouragement that they had given me during the past year. I am, very much, hoping that they will continue to do so for this New Year, that we should go on working together from strength to strength. My special thanks to the Israelis for their warm and wonderful hospitalities during my visit. Finally, my special thanks goes to Mr. Emil Stryker, the Founder and to Mr. Alexander Fleischmann (USA), the past-president of the WOJD, too.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of WOJD letter of appeal written by our new WOJD Treasurer, Moshe Gologorsky ( Israel ), plus an application form for membership. Also a copy of a minute-report of the previous meeting dated 26th June 1988, which has been approved at the WOJD branch meeting, 18th September 1988; any incorrection shall be rectified at the coming quarterly meeting.

I would be, very much, appreciated for your further help and support for this New Year towards the WOJD, by asking for your manpower as well as your brainpower in order to make this organisation on the strong lead.

Thank you all once again and I am deeply grateful.

Sid Maxwell,  
WOJD Vice-President.



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Tel-Aviv, Israel

## A LETTER OF APPEAL.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am writing this personal letter of appeal to you all as a new-elected treasurer to the WOJD, by joining us as individual members of the WOJD; so that we can all be united, hand in hand, in order to make the WOJD, a firm and strong international Jewish Deaf organisation, where we can have our own pride as being Jewish Deaf and to be proud of our own identity. Also to promote the interest of education, social welfare, religious and so forth for the Jewish Deaf in worldwide.

This organisation was being established since 1977, and though still young, but we still have our strong aims in order to make our dreams to be fulfilled, to give the WOJD a firm stand and a good reputation, internationally.

As this will take time which I am sure that you all will agree with me to make our dreams to come true. Since the 3rd World Convention held at Tel-Aviv, Israel, April 24th to 30th 1988, we had successfully, achieved in restructuring the management of this organisation; also we had achieved in creating new ideas to make the WOJD into a new and better image. To achieve more positive goals toward the future of the WOJD; we will, desperately need the fund in order to keep it going and to be on the international lead.

There is a very big question, i.e. how do we obtain the fund for the WOJD? Well, a very simple answer is YOU!! Yes, I mean you, as a friend and a supporter, are the only one who can help us to keep the WOJD going by setting up the Fund of our own, I mean yours as well as ours. Everything is possible to achieve our future positive goals of the WOJD, ONLY WITH YOUR HELP, which we, strongly and desperately, need by giving us your manpower as well as your brainpower in setting up this WOJD FUND. As well as by joining as individual members of WOJD or by sending us your kind donation, however big or small, which we gratefully accept, and in return, you will be receiving a receipt of thanks.

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Here is a category for those who wish to be a member of the WOJD as follows:-

a) Individual membership fee; \$5.00 per year

b) Life-membership fee: \$100.00

Please make cheque/International Money Order, payable to WORLD ORGANISATION OF JEWISH DEAF and mail to me as follows:

The Treasurer,  
World Organisation of Jewish Deaf,  
Helen Keller Center,  
P.O.Box 9001.  
Tel-Aviv 61090,  
ISRAEL.

and you will be receiving a membership card.

THANK YOU!

Yours very sincerely,  
Moshe Gologorsky,  
WOJD Treasurer.

## THE WORLD ORGANISATION OF JEWISH DEAF RECORD

The World Organisation of Jewish Deaf was established at the Helen Keller Center, Tel Aviv, Israel in the spring of 1973 when several jewish deaf leaders from various nations expressed a desire to upgrade the educational, communication, social welfare and religious needs of the Jewish deaf and foster Judaism world-wide. Leading advocates for this movement were Chaim Apter, Moshe Bamberger, Moshe Shem-Tov of Israel, Emil and Jane Shryker of Great Britain, Bernard Baran and Maurice Sebban of France and Alexander Fleischman of USA.

The initial goal was to pattern the Organization of international level with the home office situated in Israel and to convene every four years where persons of note present papers on various topics pertaining to the Jewish deaf. The 1st Congress took place at the Pal Hotel in Tel Aviv and the 2nd Congress convened at Binyanei Ha'ooma Convention Center in Jerusalem. At both Congresses the honorable Chief Rabbi of Israel, Shlomo Goren, was the keynoter.

In 1984, the W.O.J.D. became mobile by staging a conference in London, hosted by Jewish Deaf Association. This enabled other professional people to present their views on the objectives of the W.O.J.D.

## WORLD ORGANISATION OF JEWISH DEAF AIMS

1. To take an awareness of the activities and progress of affiliated Jewish organizations of the deaf and/or needs in nations where small number of Jewish deaf reside.
2. To establish scientific commissions on religion, education, communication, social welfare.
3. To concentrate on youth programs such as sports, art and culture, leadership training, deaf circus, world wide network.
4. To improve its public relations drive among the Jewish hearing diaspora and organizations to spread the cause of Jewish deaf and work in unity.
5. To establish a periodical in which Jewish deaf organizations, individuals and interested hearing persons will be kept informed of movements and general topics.
6. To be involved with the promotion of Judaism and coordinate with rabbinical seminaries and rabbinical organizations better understanding about the Jewish deaf.
7. To search for and induce capable deaf persons to study for the rabbinate.

We solicit your understanding moral support and membership.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individuals — \$5.00 per a year  
Life Membership — \$ 100.00 (USA)  
Jewish Organisation — \$ 50.00 every year  
including representative rights  
and one vote in bureau meeting

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name .....

Address .....

Town .....

County .....

Postcode .....

Country.....Date.....

Please make cheque/International Money Order payable to World Organisation of Jewish Deaf and mail to the Treasurer.  
Helen Keller Center, P.O.Box 9001  
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OR SEND TO YOUR DELEGATE Thank You!

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ESTABLISHED ISRAEL IN 1977

WOJD BRANCH MEETING  
held at JDA- LONDON, 26th June 1988.

Sid Maxwell opened the meeting with a recap of what he had set down in his report that had been circulated to all members of JDA in June/July newsletter, with extra items as follows:

**ELECTION:** The Israeli delegates proposed Sid Maxwell as a presidential-candidate of WOJD, but lost to Dr. Alan Hurwitz.

**FINANCES:** It must be emphasised that the Association of the Deaf in Israel pays 80% of the WOJD expenses, it is getting too much of a burden for one country's Jewish deaf community to contribute so much for the good of the World Jewish Deaf. It has been proposed to raise U.S. \$50 affiliation fee per country or organisation to U.S. \$100 per year, subject to the approval of all organisations, in worldwide, concerned.

**WOJD CONSTITUTION:** The signing of the new statute had to be postponed due to many objections mainly from England. Therefore the old constitution will remain on force while the committee is to be set up to draw up a new one.

**PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATION:** S. Maxwell had a look at the WOJD records in Israel during 1986 to find out as to why the WOJD were not better known to the World Jewish Deaf. The failure was mainly in the failure in publicity and communications. Hopefully the new committee on publicity and communications will revitalise these two important items. It is to be hoped to have electronic communication link-ups between countries, so as to speed up communications between the various clubs and organisations.

**WOJD CONVENTION 1992:** S. Maxwell will go to Paris in 1989 to check on the suitability of Paris as the venue for the 1992 Convention. As it is known, that the two French-Jewish Deaf Clubs are still poles apart and there is nothing that we can do about it.

**BOARD AND BUREAU:** There seems to be overlapping and duplication in the set up of these two groups. However the function of the Board is to make decisions and pass them to the Bureau for implementation. It has been agreed that individual membership fee is to go up to U.S. \$5 per year ( i.e. from 1st January to 31st December ).

**U.S.A. :** There are about 20 Jewish Deaf Club-Organisations in USA, they refuse to pay U.S. \$50 affiliation fee each to the WOJD, claiming that their umbrella organisation, National Congress of Jewish Deaf, known as NCJD should pay a single fee of U.S. \$50 per year to cover all of them. The law and statute committee will have to work out a tactful way of dealing with this matter, bearing in mind that they have two delegates to the WOJD. Also, there are approximately 500,000 persons of varying hearing disabilities; if, and it is only just an "IF", they, in each, were paying U.S. \$5 membership fee, then it would be, definitely, a great help to the WOJD financial budget.

**OTHER ITEMS:** It must be remembered that Emil Stryker is the Founder of WOJD. East Berlin, East-Germany and Hungary have small Jewish deaf communities. Publicity and literatures will be sent to all Jewish deaf clubs and organisations around the world for the benefit of their Jewish Deaf members.

Jonathan Sterne regretted that he was the only individual person at the 3rd WOJD Convention from England and South Africa, whilst people came from USA, France, Australia, Germany, Hungary, etc.

Rev. Plaskow was asked to present a paper on the problem of the Jewish Deaf in the sphere of religion. The WOJD was impressed and interested in his work in getting the attention of synagogues to install loops-system and with the possibility of sign-language interpreters to attend in their buildings, so that the hearing-impaired and the deaf could participate more fully in the services.

What is most surprising is that while one aim of the WOJD is to improve the awareness of the Jewish faith among the Jewish Deaf; there are no rabbis and religious officials in Israel who could communicate with the Jewish Deaf on their own. As England and USA do already have such officials.....Why?