

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY

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Mr. Max K. Markovitz
Beth Hamedrash Hagodol -
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1230 Cowell Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mr. Markovitz:

The Pittsburgh Conference on Soviet Jewry is an independent body directed to advocacy for Jews in the Soviet Union, and support for the emigration movement. We are associated with the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and work closely with the Community Relations Committee of the UJF in Pittsburgh, as well as its national coordinating body, the NJCRAC.

The Pittsburgh Conference is composed of representatives of a number of Jewish Community organizations appointed by their organization to contribute directly to the work of the PCSJ and to keep their own constituencies in touch with the Soviet Jewry agenda. Our records show that your organization is a member of the PCSJ and that your representative(s) is/are Mrs. Dinetta Berman and Mrs. Herman S. Feldman.

We are anxious to involve the greatest number of organizations and individuals in the Jewish community in the struggle for the rights and freedom of Soviet Jews. As part of this process, would you please either reconfirm the identity of your existing representative, or take steps to choose a new one. As the international political situation deteriorates, and the plight of Soviet Jewry worsens (especially that of long-term refuseniks), the PCSJ must be more effective in mobilizing community support. We need active and interested representatives from your organization who can, in many instances, help to fulfill what may be a significant part of your own national agenda.

Our practical support comes from you, our member organizations. We want to revive our newsletter and arrange a number of meetings in the course of this year: we are currently almost entirely without funds. I enclose a copy of our subscription notice, and I would be very grateful for a payment in line with the size of your organization. We will, in return, provide an information service on Soviet Jewry and programming which I am sure will be of significant interest to your members.

In conclusion, may I offer you the services of our Speakers Bureau. We have a nucleus of trained speakers who are ready to go anywhere at any time to speak on the critical situation confronting Jews in the Soviet Union.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas Lane', written in a cursive style.

Nicholas Lane
Chairman

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