

GREETINGS

The 3rd World Convention of the Habonim Dror Halutz Youth Movement:

- a. Greets the United Kibbutz Movement, its settlements and enterprises and supports it in its struggle to create an egalitarian and just society in the State of Israel.
- b. Salutes the Kibbutz Movement for taking an active part in the national effort to absorb new immigrants by opening Ulpanim, the "First Dwelling in the Homeland" project and other frameworks, and salutes all people, within the Kibbutz and outside of it, who make efforts to absorb new immigrants all over the country.
- c. Salutes all kibbutzim in the movement, old and young alike, who symbolize the movement's contribution to the settlement effort.
- d. Salutes hundreds of its graduates who have made Aliya since the last Convention and can today be found in some 10 kibbutzim and in cities all over the country.
- e. Salutes the immigrant Gar'in which joined the IDF in February '93 and supports them in their chosen way.
- f. Salutes those kibbutzim which have opened their gates and have become a "First Home" in the homeland for students and new immigrants who are graduates of the Movement: Kibbutz Hatzerim - for Brazil, Kibbutz Urim - for South America, Kibbutz Or Haner for Argentina, Kibbutz Ein Gev - for Uruguay.
- g. Salutes the movement in countries worldwide, and appeals to them to examine new ways, relevant to the reality in their countries, to expand educational activities and further personal fulfillment of the movement's principles.
- h. Salutes all Halutz Youth Movements worldwide and appeals to them to join the common struggle to strengthen the entities acting towards those fulfilling entities within the Zionist Movement.
- i. Salutes the students living in communes in Jerusalem and expresses its hope that they will soon be joined by young students from all over the world.
- j. Salutes all groups in their Hachshara *year* - from France, England, Holland, *Hungary*, North America, Uruguay, Argentine, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.
- k. Congratulates Ezer Weizman on being elected as Israel's next President and wishes him success.
- l. Salutes the Israeli government headed by the labour party and encourages it to implement the policies which go hand in hand with those of Habonim Dror and the Labour Movement.

PREFACE

PRINCIPLES OF THE MOVEMENT

The "Habonim Dror" pioneering youth movement believes in the Jewish Socialist Zionist vision, based on the following primary goals:

1. The existence and fortification of the State of Israel as a Jewish state with a stable Jewish majority.
2. Negation of the diaspora by immigration to Israel, as the only solution to the problems of the Jewish people.
3. The shaping of a humanist person who advocates an advanced, egalitarian, just and democratic society.
4. Construction of a productive society based on labour without exploitation.
5. Peace and cooperation with all peoples in the region.
6. Advancement of a conception of renewed Judaism adapted to the needs of our times.

These principles require members of the movement to personally fulfill themselves in pioneering immigration, the object of which is: Aliya to a kibbutz, in all its varieties, as well as acceptance of the United Kibbutz Movement's other enterprises.

PEACE WITH THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION

45 years after declaration of the State and 15 years since signature of the peace treaty with Egypt, we are in the midst of an internal and external struggle for the future of the State of Israel as a democratic Jewish State.

Overall peace with the Arab countries and with the Palestinian people, will be based on the principle of territorial compromise, maintaining defensible borders for the State of Israel.

The Convention recognizes the necessity to divide the country between the two peoples who reside in Eretz Yisrael, creating two separate political entities, and recognizing the right of every people to define its own structure.

1. The Convention supports the government of Israel in advancement of the peace process, and denounces the terrorism of those who wish to sabotage it. The Convention believes that persistent control over the occupied territories for years will harm the people of Israel and distance it from the aims of Zionism and from our ability to maintain a democratic state which ensures full and equal rights to all of its citizens, without discriminating between religions or peoples.
2. The Convention denounces the severe manifestations of the rising Muslim fundamentalism, which endangers peace efforts in the region and all over the world.
3. The Convention denounces the neo-fascist movements worldwide, and in particular warns of the resurfacing of manifestations of anti-semitism and racism, including racism in Israel.
4. The Convention denounces all violations of civil rights in the region.
5. The Convention denounces the deportation of over 400 Palestinians as a violation of civil rights and a detriment to proper judiciary administration, and demands that the government reconsider its decision.

ZIONIST FULFILLMENT

- a. The 3rd World Convention of Habonim Dror, in its realization that real Zionism means Aliya, demands that the Zionist Organization and its institutions make Aliya the first of its priorities and actions. We demand that the Jewish-Zionist Educational Authority support the youth movements which educate towards Aliya.
- b. The 3rd World Convention supports cooperation between all youth movements within the framework of the Magshimim Movement, in order to bring the idea of Aliya to all parts of the Jewish people, overcoming political and ideological disputes. The Habonim Dror Convention invites the other movements to join our communes and together to create a Gar'in of immigrants and Aliya groups and Gar'inim of immigrants to go into the army.
- c. The Convention instructs the world secretariat to create, together with graduates of the movement living in Israel, an absorption committee, in order to assist in the absorption of movement graduates within the kibbutz movement or anywhere else in the country.
- d. The Convention instructs the World Secretariat to initiate new programs in the course of which people participating in long-term programs in Israel, can assist in the absorption of new immigrants from poverty-stricken countries, such as assistance in teaching Ethiopian children English.

THE JEWISH IDENTITY OF THE MOVEMENT

After 100 years of Zionism, the majority of the Jewish people is still dispersed in the Diaspora. The disintegration of the Jewish communities as a living and creative entity, the movement away from the Jewish sources and the drastic reduction in Jewish education in the Diaspora, pose a real danger to the very existence of significant parts of our people.

As a result of these processes, we today find ourselves acting within a new generation whose Jewish identity is neither clear cut nor deeply rooted.

With the realization that Zionism must surface among our members, out of our deep identification with the people of Israel, its ideals, educational and cultural creativity and its historical background, the 3rd Habonim Dror Convention has decided:

- a. To position Jewish Zionist education as the basis for our educational activities at all levels, aiming to strengthen emotional identification with the nation among the younger members, and to expand their personal acquaintance with Jewish thought among the elder members.
- b. To cooperate with groups within the Kibbutz Movement who act towards expansion of spiritual, cultural and symbolic content within our Jewish existence in the Kibbutz. This cooperation will be implemented by the creation of educational programs for the Movement.
- c. The Convention, fearing for the completeness of the Jewish people and its unity in Israel and in the Diaspora, supports legislation separating religion from the State, and granting equal rights to all veins of Judaism.
- d. The Convention calls upon the spiritual leadership of all currents of Judaism to communicate with each other in order to bring about understanding and tolerance in all parts of the nation.
- e. It is the duty of any World Convention to handle the issue of the substance of Judaism within the Movement.
- f. In the light of the failures of formal Jewish education and the demographic facts, which indicate a diminution and decrease in Jewish communities worldwide, the Movement must make an effort to save Jews in danger of disappearing. For this purpose we undertake a combined program comprising of three steps to be taken before the next Convention.
 1. To annually expand the number of members in the movement and to prepare publicity and public relations programs in each country in order to attain this goal.
 2. To increase the number of participants in programs in Israel every year and to prepare ourselves accordingly (training of counsellors, preparation of new programs).
 3. In order to attain these goals, each counsellor will contribute an additional number of days of Zionist activity in places where there are youngsters who do not enjoy Jewish-Zionist education in any other framework.

DECISIONS PERTAINING TO THE KIBBUTZ AND FULFILLMENT

The Habonim Dror Movement is an active partner in the Kibbutz settlements and its graduates are members of over 40 kibbutzim in the United Kibbutz Movement. The Aliya of movement members to established and new kibbutzim alike continues in the 1990's.

The Movement views the kibbutz as a revitalized Jewish community which fulfils Zionist Socialist ideals by creating a communal egalitarian society which believes in self-labour as a way in which to build a homeland for the Jewish people. This society does not choose to lock itself up within its own four walls, it takes upon itself national and social tasks.

The Habonim Dror Movement sees the United Kibbutz Movement as a pluralistic communal movement which incorporates kibbutzim, communal moshavim and communal groups which comprise the various levels of fulfillment of its principles.

1. The Convention instructs the World Secretariat and the Secretariats of each country to update their kibbutz educational programs to include the realities of the present times, to put an emphasis on self-labour and freedom, in order to prepare members to face up to the challenge of renewing the kibbutz.
2. The Convention instructs the World Secretariat to organize a city commune for movement graduates in order to assess the basis for creation of a new urban movement kibbutz.
3. The Convention calls upon its graduates in the city and on kibbutzim to become involved in the struggle to build a more just society. The contribution of members to Eretz Yisrael is not merely a personal one, it is also as a political and collective group within Israeli society.

4. The Convention calls upon the United Kibbutz Movement to recognize the importance of maintaining ecological balance in all plans pertaining to growth, expansion and development in industry and agriculture.
5. The Convention calls upon the United Kibbutz Movement's education committee and upon the Ministry of Education to develop educational programs in the following subjects: Ecology, Sexual Equality, Jewish-Arab Coexistence, Democracy and Civil Rights.

OPERATIONAL DECISIONS FOR THE WORLD SECRETARIAT

Since Habonim Dror is a worldwide movement, the World Secretariat is held responsible for maintaining contacts between the movements in each country on the educational ideological level. This contact is essential in order to build a worldwide movement. In the light of the feelings of consensus and common aims which has been evident in the course of the Convention and in order to reinforce this feeling hereafter, the Convention has decided to instruct the World Secretariat to act as follows:

- a. To publish a newsletter including information about events in the movement in the different countries, in Israel, in the various forms of fulfillment, to be issued 4 times a year in various languages.
- b. To produce a world video magazine twice a year.
- c. To establish an Educational Committee which will distribute educational programs and updated material, aiming to fortify common roots in the movement in different countries, while creating common educational guidelines.
- d. To instruct the various countries to exchange educational and guidance material.
- e. The Educational Committee shall coordinate between all programs in Israel, aiming to create ties between members of the movement and to encourage the aspect of a worldwide movement. For example, organization of a "Habonim Dror Day" for all groups present in Israel every summer.
- f. The Secretariat in Israel shall coordinate and initiate worldwide activities pertaining to political and social issues when events justify such activities.
- g. The World Secretariat shall include graduates who do not live within the kibbutz framework in movement activities and in suitable missions.
- h. The Secretariat shall ensure organization of continental summer camps on a regular basis.
- i. Once a year an international Council will be held, in which the secretary or any other representative and one new immigrant from each country in which we are active, shall participate. Since most of the secretaries visit in the course of the year, the date of the Council will be determined in advance in order to enable each movement to plan the visit to Israel accordingly. The new immigrants - members of the Council will meet at regular intervals in order to implement the tasks given to them by the Council. This entity shall be determined by the World Administration which will dispatch two representatives to the World Secretariat.
Duties of the Council - coordination and communication of ideas between the movements, encouraging better ties between the World Secretariat and the movements in various countries, feedback regarding the performance of the World Secretariat. The Council meetings shall be at least 3 days long. The Council shall select representatives from among the new immigrants, for the World Secretariat. The Council shall present the world treasurer's report.
- j. The World Secretariat shall initiate an infrastructure for mutual help between countries worldwide. Key persons, who have completed their duties in their own countries, shall be selected to be active in this framework, in order to take on duties in various places in the world.
- k. In the course of the annual program, members of the Hachshara year shall be exposed to new forms of fulfillment.
- l. One day shall be determined every year, in the course of which studies shall be held at every branch of the movement worldwide.
- m. The World Secretariat shall publish a booklet giving the names and addresses of members who are