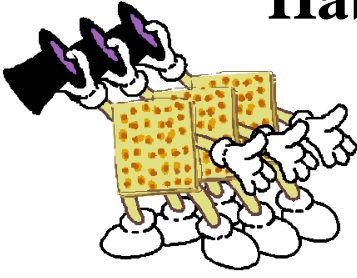
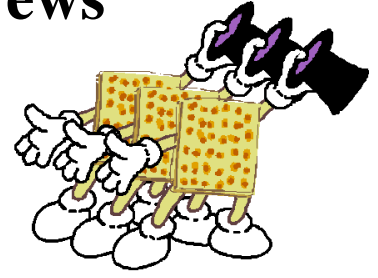


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From the Foundation

The last few months have been eventful and productive for the Foundation. In November we convened the founding Board of Trustees meeting in New York. The room was filled with representatives from NA'AMAT, Labor Zionist Alliance, Habonim Dror, movement summer camps and movement graduates at large. The very display of solidarity and support for the youth movement from so many people was significant. However, by agreeing to serve on the board, these people and those they represent were showing more than one time support; they participated in the active planning of Foundation fund-raising activities. In true movement tradition, they also showed leadership when they all made their own financial commitment as well.

In December you should have received a personal appeal from me. That mailing proved to be our most successful mailing to date, resulting in contributions of over \$12,000. Individual donations ranged from \$5 - \$1,000, greatly increasing the number of people who have made an initial contribution to the Foundation.

There are still thousands of you who have not contributed to the cause. As you will read elsewhere in this issue, Habonim Dror's continued strength justifies your support. What are you waiting for? There is no better time than the Pesach season to reaffirm your commitment to the youth movement that means so much to us all.

Hag Sameah,

Kenneth Bob

Habonim Dror -- Things are Happening

*by Esther Lederman,
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It has now been six months since I stepped into the role of Mazkira of this fantastic movement we call Habonim Dror. Working in the Central Office can get tedious what with phone calls, faxes, emails, files and the like. The real beauty of the movement is what is happening outside the office, with the people like the chaverim, the madrichim, the students, the shlichim, the parents and the alumni. Writing this article for you, the alumni, has given me a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what greater things have been happening in the movement so

far. Allow me to describe some of these terrific happenings: the establishment of a number of new kenim in the midwest region (Kalamazoo, Madison, Cleveland, Lansing), the revitalization of our New York Ken, the establishment of our 7th camp committee for Camp Na'aleh - opening date July 1998, the preparation for our 6th MBI summer program in Israel, the inauguration of our new Workshop program (#47) in August 1998, a national PZC seminar at Winter Seminar, 8th National Veida, the opening of our new web site (<http://www.tiac.net/users/hdna/>), the first national meeting of the Habonim Dror

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The Peace Process and Passover

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Should Jews have free access to our holy places in Hebron forever? Absolutely! Should Jews, Muslims and Christians in Hebron or Jerusalem or Tel-Aviv be able to live side by side in harmony? Absolutely! Is this really possible? Not yet! But that does not mean we should reject steps that will help heal the hatred of today in order to reap the harvest of harmony tomorrow. Someday, Israeli occupation will be only a bitter memory for Palestinians, and acts of terror only a bitter memory for Israelis. Then Palestinian shopkeepers and tour guides will be clamoring for Israeli tourists to visit the holy places in Hebron.

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In the Passover song Dayenu we sing: "If God had simply taken us out of Egypt, dayenu - It would have been enough for us! And then if God had given us the Sabbath (and nothing more), dayenu! And then if God had given us the Torah (and nothing more), dayenu!" But surely no one of these would really have been enough for us. Rabbi Arthur Waskow has explained that what dayenu means is that one must celebrate each step on the road to freedom as if it were enough, then start out on the next step. If we reject each step on the path of peace because it is not the whole liberation, we will never be able to achieve the whole liberation. This is a lesson that both Jews and Muslims must take to heart in the frustrating, painful path to the promise of peace.