

JEWISH SOCIETY OF AMERICANISTS

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Dear Patriot:

As you know, the formation of the Jewish Society of Americanists was first announced by Mr. Robert Welch in the February, 1966, Bulletin of the John Birch Society. The response to that announcement was indeed gratifying and letters poured into our mailbox. Seventeen days later, the Jewish Society of Americanists announced its existence to the world at large via a press conference in New York. Here again, the impact of our mere existence was something to behold. We received national and international attention, more mail came to us, and we were attacked by the leading liberal Jewish organizations. Which means that already we are important enough to matter.

It was decided, as a result of the initial response, that a great deal could be gained - and certainly the impetus of our efforts maintained - if some of us got together soon for a meeting at some centrally located city. The purpose of the conference would be to give conservative Jews a chance to meet, exchange ideas and plan a program. Conservative Jews would at last discover that they have not been alone in this struggle, which until the present, has been so frustrating. That is why we have called this first conference in Chicago - at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, April 22, 23, and 24.

Our meeting in Chicago will be an historic event for American Jewry. It will not be a large meeting, but it will mark the beginning of a whole new movement in Jewish life, a movement bound to have a profound effect on the thinking of our fellow Jews and Americans. Therefore, we hope that you will make every effort to be with us and participate in our discussions.

We are especially pleased to announce that Mr. Robert Welch will address our meeting on Saturday evening, April 23. This session of our conference will also be open to the public. On Sunday morning, Mr. Welch will join us at a private breakfast. This will give us an opportunity to meet Mr. Welch personally, converse with him and ask whatever questions we may have.

All in all, our Chicago gathering promises to be a most exciting and stimulating experience for all of us.

As for costs, aside from your travel, room and meal expenses, there will be no other expenses at the conference.

Looking forward to seeing you in Chicago, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Samuel L. Blumenfeld
Vice Chairman

Jewish Society of Americanists



This Statement of Principles, written by the founders of the Jewish Society of Americanists, was first published in the February, 1966, Bulletin of The John Birch Society. It remains the basic doctrine of the Jewish Society of Americanists, which is totally independent of The John Birch Society, however, linked to it by way of a common cause and common ideology. Regular membership in the J.S.A. is therefore open to all members of the Jewish faith, whether or not they are members of The John Birch Society, provided they support the basic principles of our organization. Supporting membership is also open to non-Jews on the same basis. For further information write to: Jewish Society of Americanists, 140 Claremont Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10027.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

*Proclaim liberty throughout the land
to all the inhabitants thereof.*

LEVITICUS 25:10

Freedom Shall Not Perish

A Statement of Principles

We, Jewish members of The John Birch Society, have formed the Jewish Society of Americanists, in order to demonstrate to our fellow Americans and co-religionists that the Americanist principles, beliefs and aims of The John Birch Society are based on the very precepts of Judaism which have become part of the foundation of our Western civilization. In addition, it is these very principles, beliefs and aims which must be adhered to if Jews are to survive as free men anywhere in the world.

Ever since the Jewish people were freed from the bondage of Egypt, they have maintained a strong and unswerving devotion to freedom. Today that freedom is threatened as never before by the forces of collectivism and statism. The history of Jewish persecution is the history of a minority fighting against the persecutive tyranny of a state or government. Neither Hitler's plans for physical extermination nor the Communists' plan for spiritual extermination could have been translated into reality had the National Socialists and Communists not achieved total political power. If Jews flocked from Europe to the United States, it was because they sought the congenial atmosphere of a free country in which the powers of government were limited by a wise Constitution. We, as Jews of America, realize that if we are to flourish as individual Americans and as Jews, we must do all in our power to preserve the Constitutional system of limited government developed by our Founding Fathers. Limited government is the only safeguard for individual freedom; it is the only safeguard from religious persecution and political tyranny.

Unfortunately, many organizations which pretend to speak for the American Jewish community are committed to a philosophy of unlimited government. These organizations have done everything in their power to identify the interests of the American Jewish community with the cause of political statism, appeasement of Communism, and Socialist revolution. We affirm that the vast majority of Jews in America remain loyal to the precepts of our Constitution, to the philosophy of government expounded by our Founding Fathers, to the sanctity of the individual, to the concepts of free enterprise and private property. We affirm that appeasement of Communist barbarism is morally indefensible and must be opposed by all men who would live in freedom. We affirm our resolution to combat with all our might and resources those forces within the Jewish community which are attempting to lead us once more into the deadly clutches of the tyrannical all-powerful state. We affirm our commitment to the total cause of freedom and our support of all patriots and organizations dedicated to preserving our Constitution and a free, sovereign United States. We affirm that, as Americans and Jews, we have the double duty of preserving our glorious American Republic and our sacred heritage of freedom and love of God. To this end we have founded the Jewish Society of Americanists to serve as an organization through which these efforts can be doubly effected.

We also affirm our support of and brotherly sympathy with the people of Israel in their fight to defend their hard-won independence as a nation. At the same time, we are resolved to encourage those forces within Israel which are dedicated to the concepts of limited government, economic freedom and private property, without which individual freedom and dignity are impossible.

As Americans, as Jews, and as members of The John Birch Society, we affirm our adherence to the aims and program of The John Birch Society as summed up in its slogan: *Less government, more responsibility and a better world.* We also affirm our support of the Founder and President of the Society, Mr. Robert Welch, whose patriotism, foresight and courage have instilled in thousands of Americans the hope of eventual victory over the forces of collectivism.

Be it therefore resolved that we have formed the Jewish Society of Americanists to re-kindle the flame of liberty in the heart of American Jewry and to pursue the battle for freedom as Americans doubly dedicated.

JEWISH SOCIETY OF AMERICANISTS

PURPOSES

We American Jews join together, for God and our country,

(1) to promote individual freedom and the concept of limited government by upholding the principles of our Constitution as conceived by our Founding Fathers; (2) to affirm our faith in an eternal God and His Ten Commandments; (3) to oppose all forms of statism and collectivism which foster tyrannical government; (4) to oppose Communism, since it is anti-God and anti-man; (5) to preserve the American free enterprise system on which our nation's strength and well-being are based.

Application for Membership

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140 Claremont Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10027

Gentlemen:

I wish to apply for membership in the Jewish Society
of Americanists in the category indicated below:

Regular Member (members of the Jewish faith) @\$12 per year ____
Student @\$6 ____

Supporting Member (other faiths) @\$6 per year ____
Student @\$3 ____

With the application, I am enclosing my dues in full
which also entitles me to a subscription to the JSA Newsletter.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership
may be revoked at any time, by a duly appointed officer of the
Jewish Society of Americanists, without reason being stated,
on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in advance.

Sincerely,

(Name)

(Address)

Date

Application Approved

Dues Received

By

Title