

"Uniting the Generations" — Soviet Jewish Integration



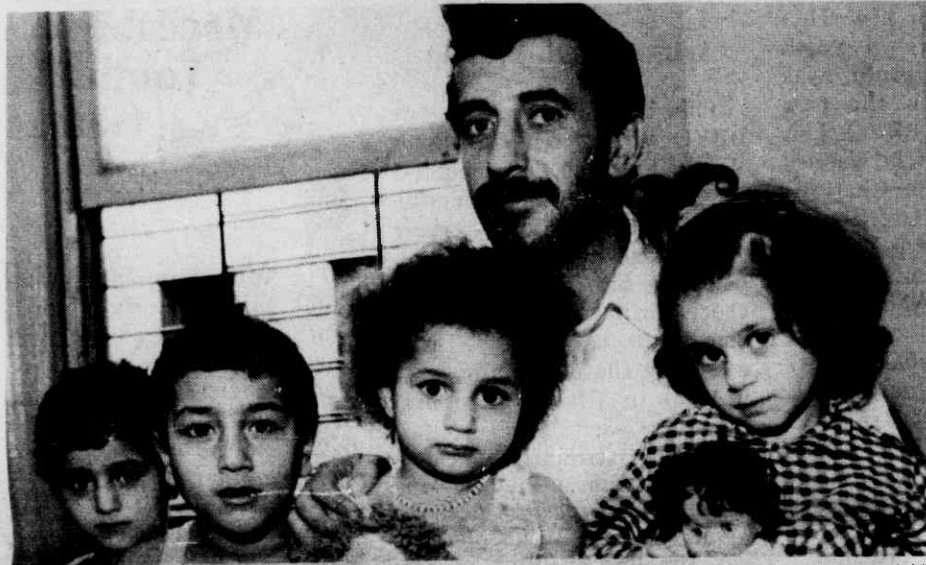
ALEPH BET — While their parents study in an "English as a Second Language" program these Soviet Jewish children play and learn about their Jewish heritage at a special Russian Jewish Day Care Center. This vibrant and active facility is run by Chicago's Jewish Vocational Service at Temple Menorah. Photo/Robert A. Cumins



SHABBAT SHALOM — Two Soviet Jewish children who just arrived in Los Angeles prepare to celebrate their first Sabbath in America. At the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Bureau of Jewish Education Child Care and Family Center these girls and their classmates learn the blessings for the candles and challah. Photo/Robert A. Cumins



UNITING THE GENERATIONS: A FAMILY ALBUM — Some of the Soviet Jewish immigrants who left the USSR to begin new lives in freedom in Jewish communities. Many of their grandparents and great-grandparents did years ago. The UJA/Federation is providing the needs of resettling Soviet Jews, both in Israel and the United States, through English classes and other services to these newest members of the American Jewish community. Photo/Robert A. Cumins



FACING A BRIGHTER FUTURE — Yevdayev Talkhum and his family were among the 1,356 Soviet Jews who landed at New York's Kennedy Airport on September 28 — in time to celebrate their first Rosh Hashanah in freedom the next evening. The September 28 total marked the largest influx of Jewish refugees to this country in a single day since World War II. Through the UJA/Federation "Passage to Freedom" Campaign the Talkhum family was given a room at a hotel in midtown Manhattan, where NYANA is providing temporary housing for Soviet Jewish emigres. Photo/Richard Lobell



CUTTING THROUGH THE RED TAPE — Since the beginning of the year, the offices of NYANA (New York Association for New Americans) in New York City have been crowded with new Soviet Jewish arrivals seeking help. Here they arrange for English classes, receive help in finding housing and schools for their children and are assisted in applying for health insurance, food stamps and other essential services. Photo/Richard Lobell



AND YOU SHALL TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY TO YOUR CHILDREN — Yosef, a recently-arrived Soviet Jewish child from Tashkent, learns Sukkot blessings at the New England Hebrew Academy in Brookline, MA. His teacher, Mrs. Sarah Geifman, is originally from Vilna and spent 38 years teaching in Holon, Israel before coming to Brookline to work with these students. Her class, all Soviet Jews who

began their Jewish studies in September, can already recite the Aleph Bet and recite blessings as well as speak some English. Through the UJA/Federation "Passage to Freedom" Campaign, Soviet immigrant children are not only learning to be Americans but are also discovering their Jewish heritage. Photo/Richard Lobell



TEKIAH GEDOLAH — At an English class for Soviet immigrants run by the Jewish Vocational Service at Chicago's Temple Menorah, students learning about Rosh Hashanah and the cycle of Jewish holidays hear the ballasts of the shofar for the first time. Through the UJA/Federation...

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