

# CJF General Assembly To Probe Major Issues

Over 100 workshops, for major plenaries on six important forums reflecting every major issue facing Jewish Federations at home and abroad are included in the agenda of the 50th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations which convenes November 10-15 in St. Louis.

Preliminary registration figures indicate an attendance of well over 2,500 representatives from the 200 Jewish Federations in the United States and Canada which comprise the CJF.

The opening GA Plenary Session on Wednesday evening, Nov. 11, will mark the official commencement of CJF's 50th Anniversary Year. The major address of the evening will be delivered by CJF President

Morton L. Mandel of Cleveland. The Plenary will also include the premiere showing of "50 Years", an audio-visual review of the past half-century of North American Jewish history as seen through the eyes of CJF Past Presidents. "Covenant and Community", an original musical composition with narrative, will also highlight the opening Plenary.

On Thursday evening, the Assembly will convene again for a second Plenary session on "American Foreign Policy and Jewish Concerns." The Saturday evening Plenary will be devoted to a special cultural offering, and the closing Plenary session on Sunday morning, Nov. 15, will include videotaped highlights of the entire 1981

GA. Six Forums are planned to provide intensive discussion on topics of primary concern to the Federation community in 1982. "The Jew in the Non-Jewish World"; "Ethiopian Jews - A Community in Peril"; "Jews in the Soviet Union: Managing the Current Crisis"; "Peace in the Middle East - The Role of North American Jewry" and "Jewish Concern for Women's Rights: Opportunities and Responsibilities for Federations." On Friday afternoon, November 13, the final Forum, "Jewish Communities in Distress Around the World", will be preceded by a march to the old Courthouse in St. Louis to demonstrate solidarity with all oppressed Jews.

Shabbat observance will include a Friday night address, "The Jewish Immigrant Experience in North America, 1881-1981." The Saturday Oneg Shabbat will be devoted to a public affairs seminar con-

centrating on the Reagan Administration's policies on key domestic and international issues.

Also included in the 1981 GA program will be sessions on issues such as Soviet-Jewish integration into North American Communities; The Needs of the Jewish Disabled; The 1982 Campaign; Cable Television; The Jewish Family; the CJF-B'nai B'rith Study on the Hillel; Jewish Singles in Community Life; Declining Federal Dollars for Human Services; Taxes and Philanthropy; The New Anti-Semitism; The Changing Arab World; Jewish Community Newspapers, and others.

Women's Division leaders are planning a variety of specialized sessions, as is the CJF Leadership Development Committee, which will host approximately 200 winners of local Federation Leadership Development Awards. Student leaders from campuses throughout America

will also take part in the GA.

The CJF is the association of 200 Federations, Welfare Funds and Community Councils which serve nearly 800 communities and embrace over 95 percent of the Jewish population of the United States and Canada.

Established in 1932, the Council serves as a national instrument to strengthen the work and impact of Jewish Federations through leadership in developing programs to meet changing needs in the Jewish community; through the exchange of successful experiences to assure the most effective community services; through establishing guidelines for fund raising and operation; and through joint national planning and action on common purposes dealing with local, regional, national and international needs.

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