



INTRODUCTION

We are well aware of the irrational, vicious, and pervasive nature of anti-Semitism. The horror of six million Jews murdered by the Nazis still burns in our memory. We remember, too, that world response (including Jewish response) was feeble and disorganized.

Today in the Soviet Union, anti-Semitism is deliberately cultivated as an instrument of state policy. The situation of the Soviet Jew is desperate. He is allowed neither to live as a Jew nor to leave; he is made the scapegoat for Soviet economic and political failures. To ameliorate this situation, world concern must be focused on the plight of the Soviet Jew and continuing protests made to the leaders of the USSR. It is our responsibility to cry out for justice; it is our task to redeem the captive. We dare not fail again.

This Handbook is intended as an aid in the preparation of education and action programs. For this purpose, appropriate material from diverse sources has been brought together in this volume. Much material is reprinted unaltered, except as noted. Where important subject matter is lacking or incomplete, I have attempted to fill the gap.

A final word on the limitations of this volume. A handbook is a resource and a guide. It cannot provide concern for Kelal Yisrael, the Jewish people. It cannot provide dedication to help those in darkness. That, you must provide.

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